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Axminster is sending a doctor to war-torn Syria

PUBLIC APPEAL RAISES £10,000 IN A MATTER OF WEEKS



Doctors operate in the most harrowing of conditions in bombed-out Syrian hospitals

PHILIP EVANS

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IN JUST a few weeks the generous people of Axminster and district have raised more than £10,000 to ease the plight of victims in war-torn Syria.

An appeal was launched in November by Axminster Churches Together in a bid to raise enough money to sponsor a doctor to work in make-shifts hospitals with a target of £6,000.

The appeal was launched through *Pulman's Weekly News* and we can reveal that the total raised, as of last Friday, was £10,525.

The money from Axminster will support an experienced doctor with specialist skills required for a war-torn environment carrying out urgent surgery in mobile and rudimentary facilities.

The appeal organisers have been staggered by the generous response from the community, saying it was far beyond their expectations.

The appeal was backed by the Mayor of Axminster, Cllr Paul Hayward, who said: "A truly magnificent total and, once again, a testament to the overwhelming generosity of the town and the parish."

"Thanks to all those involved who worked so hard and gave up so much time for those in dire need."

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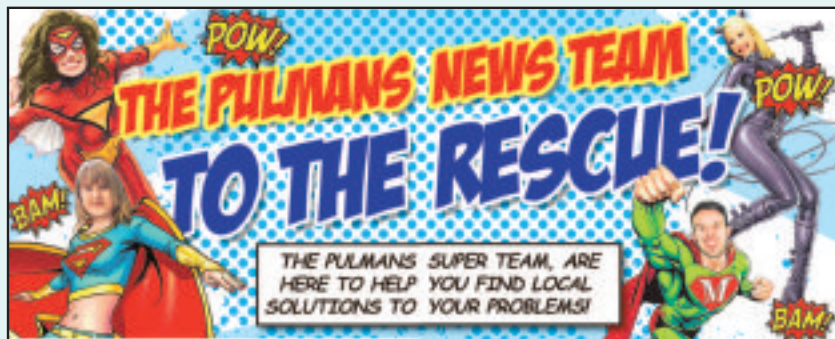
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HUSBAND AND WIFE FOUND DEAD

Police probe suspected murder-suicide at couple's country home

POLICE have launched an investigation into a suspected murder-suicide following the discovery of the bodies of a man and a woman at a property near Honiton.

Officers attended an address in Dunkeswell on the evening of January 4th, after concerns were raised regarding the welfare of a man and woman.

On arrival officers found the 62-year-old man, named locally as Michael Beck, and his wife, Nicola, 52, dead.

Detectives have launched an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding both deaths which are being treated as a domestic related murder and suicide. The next of kin have been informed.

Police confirmed that no one else was present at the house at the time of the incident.

A guard remained at the prop-

erty while a forensic examination and searches were conducted.

Detective Inspector Steve Davies, from the Major Crime Unit, said: "We are conducting house-to-house enquiries and have been carrying out searches at the premises today.

"We are not looking for any other person in connection with this isolated incident and can confirm that no other person was present at the premises at the time of this incident."

Neighbours say the couple lived together at the property, a five-bedroom farmhouse set in 55 acres of land.

Records show that Mr Beck was the director of three property businesses and also a fishery owner, landlord, cabinet maker and mature student.

The couple reportedly shared their time between Devon and

London but the house in Dunkeswell had been on the market for a long time, records show it was currently under offer for £895,000.

The couple's London home was in Fulham and their next door neighbour, veteran actress Gillian Rossiter, said they were not often at their London home – but she never heard them row when they were.

The 90-year-old said: "I know they had a place in Devon."

"I honestly don't know much about them because they weren't here [London] very often."

"They were very civil neighbours and we always helped each other out if necessary."

Police are appealing to anyone who may have information in relation to this incident.

Please contact police on 101, quoting reference 0229 040117.

Devon recruiting firefighters

FOR the first time in eight years, Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service will be recruiting full-time firefighters.

The role of a firefighter has changed dramatically, even in recent years, with so much more to the job than putting out fires.

Assistant Chief Fire Officer Glenn Askew explained the current situation, saying "We expect so much more of our firefighters in terms of their ability to adapt to a huge range of incident types and community work.

"One day a firefighter can be pulling people from fast flowing water and the next keeping our most vulnerable members of the community safe in their homes with our home fire safety checks."

Firefighters are on hand to respond to emergencies 24/7 meaning shift work is essential. There are many different roles that make up the service and each one works together to deliver the essential community and response services as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Mr Askew added: "We want to ensure that our workforce reflects both the community and the mix of skills and qualities required to do the job.

"For this recruitment process we particularly welcome applications from women as they are under-represented in our operational service.

"We also welcome applications from people who are black, Asian or minority ethnic as they are

also under-represented in our workforce and encourage everyone to see what the fire and rescue service can offer in terms of a challenging and interesting career."

For those interested and wanting to see if they've got what it takes, Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service will be running taster days in January for prospective applicants to see what it entails to be a firefighter.

The dates and how to book is available on the service website dsfire.gov.uk and information will be shared through their social media sites.

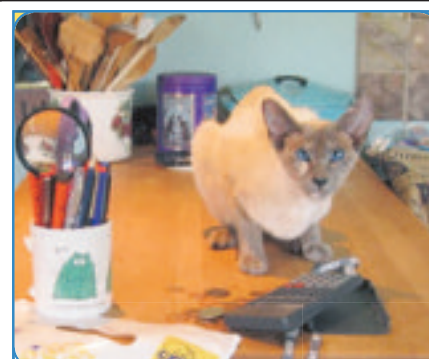
"The training will take place in August and all applicants needs to be 18 or over by August 2017.

Mr Askew concluded: "There are so many opportunities in the fire and rescue service for staff to progress their career. You can be a specialist in a number of areas and there is a career path that can lead you all the way to Chief Fire Officer. I have never looked back and have loved every minute of being in the fire and rescue service."

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Council concerns over poor new housing

EAST Devon District Council (EDDC) is so "troubled by" the "poor quality" of new housing that it is asking for urgent action.

One of the councillors involved, Douglas Hull from Axminster, hopes other councils will follow suit and turn it into a national campaign.

EDDC leader Cllr Paul Diviani has turned to Oliver Colville (Conservative MP for Plymouth Sutton & Devonport) for help.

Mr Colville chairs the All Party Parliamentary Group for Excellence in the Built Environment, which last year launched an investigation into the quality and workmanship of new-build housing in England.

In a letter to Mr Colville, dated December 22nd, Councillor Diviani wrote: "We consider ourselves to be at the forefront of increasing housing delivery in the South West, and yet are troubled by the poor quality

of the homes that are being built.

"We feel that action is urgently needed to address this as while increasing supply is vital, it is important that high quality homes are provided."

The letter calls for close scrutiny of the National House Building Council (NHBC), an independent standard-setting body and provider of warranty and insurance for new homes.

NHBC says its purpose is "to work with the house-building industry to raise the standards of new homes and to provide protection for home-buyers", but EDDC is not impressed. Councillor Diviani continued: "There should be an in-depth study of the NHBC. We believe that the government should set up a team to monitor the NHBC and report for urgent action."

Axminster district councillor Douglas Hull has been pushing for action for some time.

He said: "Poor new houses are costing a lot of people a lot of money and heartache. People are worried that if they make too much noise they will have problems reselling their houses."

"I've had complaints from all over East Devon, including Cranbrook."

"Some people have told me they will try to sell and find an older house."

He recalled attempts last year by Axminster Town Council to broker a crisis meeting between Wainhomes and furious Cherry Tree Road and Catnip Close residents, who had "serious safety concerns" over rotting fence posts and subsidence.

This issue was mentioned in Councillor Diviani's letter, and Councillor Hull also recalled the recent case of an Axminster family which had to move out of their new home on Bovis Homes' Cloakham Lawns development on two occa-

sions so repairs could take place. He said: "I'm very pleased the letter has been written."

"I will see the MP [Neil Parish] in the new year and I will write to other councils to see if they would like to join the campaign. I hope to make it a national campaign."

A spokesperson for NHBC said: "NHBC works hard to raise standards and prevent as many issues as possible before people move into their new homes."

"We have increased our inspection force by 30 per cent in the past two years to ensure we continue to provide the necessary support for house builders. By inspecting at key stages of a property's construction we help to significantly reduce the number of defects in completed new homes across the UK."

"Our inspections are designed to help to prevent issues arising before people move in to their home and to enable NHBC to manage its risk in offering our 10-year Buildmark warranty and insurance protection."

"It is, however, ultimately the builder's responsibility to ensure that the homes they build and sell conform to the Building Regulations and NHBC's Technical Standards and they should ensure that they have adequate supervision and quality control measures in place to achieve that."

"Our inspectors are not on site at all times and are therefore unable to see every element of construction."

"We're sorry to hear that the homeowners at the development in Axminster [Cloakham Lawns] have experienced problems with their new homes and have been in contact with several homeowners at the development. NHBC's Buildmark warranty provides cover for ten years from the legal completion date against major structural issues with the home such as the floors, walls and foundations."



Sell-out at Jethro gig

FANS of famous West Country comedian Jethro were left disappointed when tickets for his appearance at Axminster Guildhall on March 24th sold out in just 48 hours.

Tickets went on sale via the Guildhall web site last week and all went within two days.

A number of fans took to social media to express their disappointment and to ask why the tickets were not more widely advertised.

Jethro is one of the biggest names to appear at the Guildhall in recent times. He is one of the few West Country comedians to make the big time, having appeared on prime time television on many occasions.

The Guildhall manager, Anni Young, confirmed that all 340 tickets were quickly sold at £21 each.

She said the gig was announced on Jethro's website which prompted local people to book them through the Guildhall. The tickets were not even printed at that time but it was decided to open a list which accounted for virtually all the tickets. The remaining tickets went on sale from the Guildhall last Friday.

Miss Young added: "We realise that some people were unhappy with how the tickets were sold and we will do it differently next time."

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Appeal raises £10,000 to send doctor to Syria

AXMINSTER will be sponsoring a doctor in Syria. The appeal launched in November exceeded even the most optimistic expectations of Axminster Churches Together.

The initiative had the support of the mayor and town council, but thanks goes to the people of Axminster for their generosity.

With a target of £6,000 feeling daunting at the outset, the total collected by last Friday amounted to £10,525. This sum now goes forward to the Samara Aid Appeal.

The Samara team supports indigenous doctors striving to provide medical care in makeshift hospitals that have been under regular bombardment.

A spokesperson for Axminster Churches Together said: "Whilst the situation in Aleppo was beyond imagination, the brutalities continue in other parts of the country.

"The money from Axminster will support an experienced doctor with the specialist skills required in a war-torn environment and in providing urgent surgery in mobile and rudimentary facilities. People were asking themselves what we can do to help and feeling powerless. The answer is that Axminster is doing something to support those maimed by the conflict, and so enable the skills of others to alleviate some of the suffering."

The campaign began with a bucket collection on Minster Green on a bitterly cold Market Day morning manned by stalwart volunteers.

Then, on the first Saturday in December, the doors of the Guildhall were thrown open with a lunch sponsored by Sharp's Acupuncture and the Bymead Residential Home in Charmouth. Hilary Sharp cooked and her volunteers served 150 lunches that day, bring in almost £1,900 with donations.

Then, just prior to Christmas, Axminster Rotary Club rallied to the cause with a day's collection at Tesco, believed to be one of the most rewarding in their experience.

Alongside these initiatives the three post offices in Axminster kindly agreed to act as receiving centres for individual donations.

The spokesperson added: "With the project capturing the people's imagination, impromptu collections were made by Axe Valley Runners and the Axminster Choral Society.

"Word of mouth took the appeal to a group of people in Seaton; Millers Farm Shop and Mole Avon also displayed donation buckets.

"Some donations came from further afield, largely due to the support of *Pulman's Weekly News* and the publicity provided.

"A huge thank you' to everyone."

A thank-you to everyone in Axminster and beyond

TOWN councillors were among the first to know how successful the Syrian appeal had been.

Alan Kennard, a regular attendee at monthly council meetings and a leading member of Axminster Churches Together, the organisation which launched the appeal, attended Monday's meeting to thank councillors and the mayor, Paul Hayward, for their support.

Mr Kennard said: "You will recall that in October last year I came to you, on behalf of Axminster Churches Together, to seek your support for the concept of Axminster sponsoring a doctor in Syria.

"The aim was to raise £6,000. A number of you suggested ways in which funds might be raised.

"You, Mr Mayor, penned your support in a piece in *Pulman's Weekly News*, published in November.

"The team wish to place on record their thanks, and also thanks to *Pul-*

Innocent children have been the worst victims of this conflict

man's for giving space to launch the appeal.

"I can report the people of Axminster, and the surrounding villages, responded generously. In October we had no idea how much might be raised and the target seemed a little more than ambitious.

"So many people were, and still are, moved by the unfolding events in Syria and particularly Aleppo.

"Innocent children have been the worst victims of this conflict.

"This evening the team wish to say thank you to everyone in Axminster and beyond. Donations small or large are an expression of a desire to help. Although it was an Axminster appeal, money has been given from nearby and some from further afield.

"The result, Mr Mayor, has been beyond all our ex-

pectations. The sum raised at the end of last week, when we closed the appeal, totalled £10,525.

"Axminster and the wider community has done something - 'WE ARE SPONSORING A DOCTOR IN SYRIA'."

Mr Philip Evans, managing director of the View from Series of Newspapers, which includes *Pulman's Weekly News*: "We were delighted to support the appeal and congratulate all those who worked so hard to achieve such a magnificent result.

"It demonstrates that local papers can be a force in their community which no other medium is able to imitate."

Read Philip Evans' new column - 50 years in newspapers - on page 10

Jo is guest of honour at Lady Taverners fundraiser

OLYMPIAN Jo Pavey was the guest of honour at a fundraising lunch organised by the Lady Taverners and Axminster Town Cricket Club.

Held at The Harbour Inn in Axmouth on December 6th, the event raised £400 – with part of this figure coming from the auction of a copy of Jo's book, *This Mum Runs*.

The Lady Taverners charity helps children with special needs, supplying specially-adapted mini-buses, specialist equipment such as sensory and soft play rooms.

The Seaton and East Devon Area also ensures youngsters have outings and parties to local attractions such as Pecorama and Seaton Tramway.



Jo Pavey

PADDY Magrane is the author of the Sam Keddie thrillers, *Disorder and Denial*, published by Fahrenheit Press.

He's also a journalist who's written for *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *The Observer* and *Daily Telegraph*, an integrative psychotherapist working in Axminster, and also the co-director of the Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape.

He has lived with his family in Shute since 2006.

● WHERE were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in Bahrain and grew up in Germany, Northern Ireland and London (my father was in the Army and we moved every two years).

We eventually settled in Yorkshire, but by then wanderlust had got under my skin. As an adult, I lived in Florence, New York, all over London, and near Cambridge, before moving to Devon ten years ago.

● WHAT was your dream job when you were a kid?

I wanted to be an artist. As a teenager, I was led down a more academic path – to read History at university but when my A-levels didn't work out as planned, I began to realise that it was probably a blessing and that I might have an opportunity to paint after all.

So, armed with my portfolio, I applied for art college and got a place at City & Guilds of London Art School, in Kennington. It was the most intense period of education in my life.

I learned not just about art and how to express my ideas on canvas, but also how to see the world in more interesting ways.

● TELL us about your professional life so far

After art school I finally achieved that childhood dream of becoming an artist. But the reality was pretty tough.

I sold work, but never enough to survive in New York or London, where I lived at the time. Gradually



I came to the realisation that I needed to do something more lucrative. So I got a job as an account handler in a design agency in Soho. Before long, I realised that I really wanted to be a copywriter, so I moved across the office into the creative department.

I've been writing ever since in one form or another. These days it's mainly journalism for the Telegraph,

alongside my thrillers.

I'm also a co-director of the Shute Festival of Literature and Landscape, and a counsellor in Axminster working with ARC.

● WHAT makes you happy?

Simple stuff. A productive morning's writing. A walk along the headland from Beer to Branscombe with my wife, Di, and dog, Lola. A pint with a friend.

● WHAT makes you unhappy?

I feel blue if my children are unhappy. I also get depressed about the state of the world. Aleppo, a Syrian city with a population the size of Manchester, has been pounded into rubble while the world sits by.

Millions of Syrians have been forced from their homes and the lack of compassion they've been shown by far too many has been deeply distressing. It's basic humanity to welcome refugees.

2016 has seen a hardening of hearts the world over. It's very sad. My father and I went to Syria on holiday in 2006 and were greeted with warmth and kindness wherever we went. Syrian refugees deserve the same from us.

● WHICH is your favourite holiday destination?

For years, we've been going to a Cycladean island called Sifnos. We have friends there and it's an incredibly welcoming, easy-going place.

White-washed houses creeping up the mountainside, warm crystal-clear water, tavernas strung along the quayside.

Going back every year is a little like returning home. That said, Devon is a pretty close second. It's unbeatable in the spring and autumn.

● WHAT are you up to now?

I'm well over halfway through writing my third Sam Keddie thriller. It's called *Trauma* and is about a murderer on the loose in an oil compound in the desert of Southern Iraq.

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Town comes together for Christmas Day lunch

THE "fantastic community spirit" was hailed after the Axminster Christmas Together (ACT) lunch, which saw more than 50 guests come to the Guildhall on Christmas Day.

Organised for the second year in a row for people of all ages who would otherwise have been alone on Christmas Day, the event is establishing itself as a major fixture.

The organisers are already looking forward to next Christmas, and ACT chairperson Lesley Frankau said: "Sadly, a few guests were not able to join us due to ill health but we hope that they are able to come along in 2017."

"We were fortunate to be assisted by a small army of volunteers, who helped both the day before and on Christmas Day itself, making sure that all of our guests were welcomed, entertained and provided with a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings amongst the company of others."

"Thanks also to Nick, Hilary, Bob and Martin for their magnificent work in the kitchen all

day, without whom we could not possibly have catered for so many people."

"A big thank you also to all those volunteers who acted as drivers, collecting and returning guests to their houses; to Mary, Dexter and Ben who dressed all the tables on Christmas Eve; and to Sandy and Nick for their musical medley after lunch."

"And to all those organisations throughout Axminster who helped advertise and publicise the event, and collect forms from members of the public."

"Without the time and effort of all those who kindly gave up their time to help their fellow residents, this event could not take place and my heartfelt thanks go out to all those involved."

Many businesses, organisations and individuals supported the Christmas lunch in different ways.

Mrs Frankau added: "I must thank all the organisations who donated goods, produce and services, and to those kind individuals who made significant donations but wished to remain

anonymous."

"It is a testament to the fantastic community spirit that we have in Axminster that such an event can take place, and that almost everything provided on the day came via generous donations."

"May we take this opportunity to wish everyone in Axminster a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and we hope that, come Christmas 2017, we can call upon this goodwill and community spirit once again to ensure that no-one spends Christmas Day alone in Axminster, whatever their circumstances. God bless you all."

The following were praised for supporting the event: Colyton Butchers, Tesco, Co-op, Barley Close Residential Home, Paula Grant (Wheatfields), Millers Farm Stores, WESCO, The Mayor of Axminster Cllr. Paul Hayward, Axminster Conservative Club, Fernhill Hotel in Charmouth, The Douglas Martin Trust, Axminster Guildhall Management Committee and staff, Events Insurance Limited and AJ Proctor Limited.



HELPERS: Volunteers played an important role

Costa to open this weekend

COSTA is set to open its Axminster branch on Saturday morning, and local charity The Project will benefit straight away.

Axminster mayor Cllr Paul Hayward will formally open the branch at 10am on January 14th, and Costa has chosen to support The Project. A cheque will be presented to The Project's founder, Debbie Humberstone, at the official opening.

Costa and franchise partner Jurassic Coast Coffee have announced that the 2,800 sq ft branch, in premises previously occupied by Trinity House's Home-in-Style shop, will create seven new jobs for local people.

Cllr Hayward said: "I am delighted to be opening the new Costa coffee store."

"The new Costa will not only create new jobs, facilities and opportunities for local residents but will also provide another

fabulous reason for visitors to come to Axminster, explore and take advantage of all that our town has to offer. I wish store manager Phil Hoare and his staff every success."

The Project was founded in Axminster but also operates in Chard, supporting young people across East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset (aged 13-24) suffering from mental health issues.

As well as providing fortnightly peer support groups for young people, The Project also holds monthly meetings for parents and carers, as well as offering a programme of creative and social activities for young people, designed to develop self-esteem and support, enhance and improve emotional and mental wellbeing.

Founder Debbie Humberstone said: "I am delighted that Costa

has chosen to support The Project and am extremely grateful for their financial contribution to the range of important services we offer for young people and their families."

Jurassic Coast Coffee, the locally-based franchise company behind the new store, is a strong supporter of helping young people from across the South West get back into employment, offering them training and apprenticeship opportunities both in-store and at its dedicated Costa Training Academy in Tiverton.

Phil Hoare will manage the new store in Axminster, having previously run Costa stores in Lyme Regis and Sidmouth.

Living only a few miles from Axminster, Phil knows the area well. All seven staff have been provided with comprehensive barista training.

Charity Christmas cards shop finds success at new venue



■ **STERLING SERVICE:** Shop manager Anne Double thanks Michael Keenes on his retirement after 26 years of volunteering

CARDS for Good Causes – the temporary charity Christmas cards shop that set up in the Heritage Centre – enjoyed a great trading period in the run-up to the festive season.

Shop manager Anne Double said: "A very big thank you to all those who have supported the Axminster shop over the Christmas season."

"We had a very successful year in our new venue [the shop was previously based in The Minster] and we would like to thank the chairman and trustees of the Axminster Heritage Centre for

allowing us to use the premises, and the centre staff and volunteers for making us so welcome there.

"Thank you also to our customers, both old and new, who came to buy their Christmas cards in support of many charities; and of course thank you to our band of volunteers who have once again made it all possible by giving their time to help sell the cards over the seven weeks before Christmas."

One of the volunteers did his last shift after having served for 26 years.

Ms Double said: "Sadly, we now see the end of an era because Michael Keenes, our longest-serving volunteer, retired at the end of this season. He has been with us since the very beginning of the Axminster shop and has scarcely missed helping on a Thursday morning for 26 years."

"He will be missed enormously by volunteers and customers alike, and we send him our very best wishes and our thanks for his long and loyal service."

"We wish everyone a Happy New Year – and we hope to see you again in 2017."

MP's praise for charity Project

THE concept and achievements of Axminster-based The Project will be raised in Parliament by local MP Neil Parish.

A charity, The Project supports young people aged 13-24 with mental health issues, and their families.

Mr Parish recently visited a forum at Pippins Community Centre and gave parents the opportunity to raise concerns about the issues they have experienced when trying to get help for their children.

At the forum, The Project founder Debbie Humberstone described the work the charity does, which includes monthly support meetings for parents and carers of young people experiencing mental distress.

Parents spoke movingly about the value of The Project and the improvements in their children's wellbeing.

They also highlighted issues they face when seeking care and support for their children, especially long waiting times during which children's mental health often deteriorates.

Parents also shared concerns around the high thresholds to statutory services leaving many young people unsupported, the lack of continuity between children and adult services, poor information and communication with parents about their child's

care, and unclear pathways to get appropriate help and support for children with complex needs.

Parents also flagged up the inadequate educational provision and support available to young people who are unable to attend school due to their mental health issues, particularly post-16.

Ms Humberstone said: "With mental health issues on the rise, growing numbers of young people are struggling to remain within mainstream education, leaving them increasingly isolated and missing out on opportunities available to other young people."

She also reported that Mr Parish listened to parents' concerns and is keen to continue

supporting The Project.

He said: "The forum gave me a very good insight into the work you are doing, not only for those youngsters but how The Project can help with therapy for parents as well."

Mr Parish also expressed interest in The Project's potential to be used as a pilot for similar organisations across the country, which could help many more young people and parents, and stated that he would raise the issues and questions in parliament.

For more information about the work of The Project, or to enquire about volunteering with them, go to www.theprojectyp.org.uk, or call Debbie on 07970 167341.



■ **SPREADING THE WORD:** Neil Parish and Debbie Humberstone (both holding flyers) with other guests

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BEAVERS, from around the East Devon district, recently joined together for a Christmas fun day.

The event was organised by Helen Turner in her role as Assistant District Commissioner for East Devon Beavers.

The event was held at the new Sidmouth Scout Hall. District Commissioner Sally Yeo

popped along to join in with the festivities.

Helen said: "The youngsters made Christmas cards, models from pots and decorated them, pictures made from stencils and then played several games including pin the tail on the Christmas donkey, as well as other board games.

"They also enjoyed singing carols, dancing and playing

games. Leaders from around the district all ran bases, so that there were lots of things for the Beavers to do.

"They all had a brilliant time and went home with armfuls of craft items that they had made."

Beavers from Honiton are pictured with fellow Beavers from around the district enjoying their Christmas fun day.



Mayor visits Dodd's open afternoon

■ COUNCILLOR Caroline Kolek and Phil Horne of E. A. Dodd & Son at the recent open afternoon

E.A. DODD & Son Funeral Directors recently held an open afternoon to showcase the extensive refurbishments at their Honiton funeral home.

The offices have been modernised to create an open and welcome area and there is a new, larger arrangement room for relaxed and confidential dis-

cussions, a chapel of rest with separate waiting area and new mortuary facilities.

The afternoon was attended by the Honiton mayor, Councillor Caroline Kolek, as well as representatives from Hospiscare, solicitors, celebrants and members of the local community.

Jeri finishes her novel after thirty-year wait

TUCKED away in Dunkeswell may not seem the most likely place for a budding science fiction author to live, but the small village is the location where local author Jeri Dion's latest creation was penned.

'Amalthean Quests One' has been a labour of love for Jeri, and after several false dawns the sci-fi thriller has been released and is available to buy now.

The story follows Tayce Traun, a lone survivor after her planet was destroyed by the evil Countess and her Warrior army, and the crew she bands together having adventures on her ship The Amalthean.

Jeri Dion first started the book in 1987, handwriting the stories, but was turned away from several publishers due to the length and complexity of the book.

After putting the book to one side for several years, Jeri decided that at the start of 2016 she would give herself a year to

get it published and failing that she would put Tayce and her friends away for good.

In the end, it took Jeri less than a year to get it published with Arthur H Stockwell.

Since then the book has made it to the Barnes and Noble best-sellers list and is available from Amazon, iTunes and Google Books.

Jeri said: "I started writing short

stories at the age of 14 and an English professor I had at the time inspired me and challenged me to write an interesting story.

"He told me I had a talent and should write a book. That's how 'Amalthean Quests One' came about."

Jeri has already started writing book number two and has plans for third and a fourth in the Tayce Traun saga.



■ Jeri Dion, with her book *Amalthean Quests One* and her original handwritten manuscript

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Littletown Primary says farewell to familiar face



■ LITTLETOWN Primary School has said goodbye to one of their most familiar faces, who has been ever-present for the past 30 years. Raylene Venn said an emotional goodbye to the school and her time as a senior midday supervisor at a special assembly where children from each year group paid tribute to their 'favourite' lunch lady. In a short speech Ms Venn theorised that she probably helped to look after many of the students' parents when they were at Littletown, and that was something of which she was very proud. Headteacher Helen Whitehead praised Ms Venn for her hard work and thanked her for her contribution to the school. Raylene Venn is pictured above with pupils at the special assembly.

Festive cheer at the hospital

HONITON Hospital's League of Friends handed out gifts to patients on Christmas Eve.

The now annual tradition is meant as a 'pick me up' for those who have to spend the festive period in the hospital.

Pictured above are League of Friends chairman Heather Penwarden (far right) with other members and staff who handed out the festive goodies.



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A 'cool' reception for my first ever beard ... but I'm sticking with it!

WHO'S that bearded old bloke at the top of this column?

I didn't know my grandfather very well, but he looks the spitting image of photos I have seen of him.

For the first time in my life, I have grown a beard. During the Seventies I sported a very fashionable moustache. Who didn't? I recently saw a line-up of our football team. We all looked like Tom Selleck.

I actually kept the moustache until well into the Nineties. When I shaved it off, my eldest daughter didn't speak to me for three weeks.

So why the beard? I have never wet shaved and when I went on holiday in the summer I forgot to take the adapter for my electric shaver.

We were staying in Amalfi in Italy – possible the third most expensive place on earth, or it seemed – so I decided I would not

shave whilst on holiday.

As the days wore on Mrs Evans was giving one of those "I'm not so sure" looks but said nothing, bless her.

It was itching like hell by the time I got home and I fully intended to shave it off.

Then one of the girls in the office said I looked "cool". I can't ever remember being referred to as "cool" before, even when I had that trendy moustache. Then someone said I looked a lot younger.

As my daughter was returning home from Australia I thought I would leave it until she had seen me with my goatee, expecting her to collapse with laughter.

But she actually said she liked it. My younger daughter? Not so keen.

"Perhaps it should be a holiday thing, Dad?" was her only comment.

Mother-in-law was a good deal

more direct in her assessment of my facial hair – "It looks dreadful. Shave it off," she declared bluntly as my new son-in-law surreptitiously covered his face with his hand.

All a man of my age really wants is approval from his children, especially daughters.

One out of two will do for me, so the beard stays – at least for the time being.

There is one benefit in having the beard. Many people don't recognise me – and having written a rather acerbic column in this paper entitled 'From The Editor's Chair' for many years, that's a distinct advantage as I get much less abuse.

Let me put it this way – if I was to hold a reception to say sorry to all those I offended over the years, we would have to hold the gathering at the Royal Albert Hall!



How I've morphed into my hero Wally

◆ I TOLD you I would return with a new column – and this is it. It's going to be a bit different from my weekly 'In The Editor's Chair' which I penned for more than ten years, having a pop at all in sundry in authority.

Did they deserve it? Certainly some of them did.

When I announced in that column that it would no longer occupy its page three spot, some of you out there (wishful thinking on behalf of some?) interpreted this as me retiring at long last.

Several people have asked my daughter Francesca how her dad is enjoying retirement.

The truth of the matter is that I'm busier now than I have ever been as I also manage a group of newspapers in London which requires me to spend a couple of days a week in the capital.

The content of this column will be much lighter and hopefully

entertaining as I recount some of the things that have happened to me in nearly 52 years connected with newspapers.

They will form the precursor to my book and I shall call on many of the stories I tell in the talk that I frequently give to local groups, called 'From Southleigh to Soweto', the reason for which will become apparent in a later edition.

I've never denied that some of my most enjoyable days were when I followed in the footsteps of my journalistic hero, the great Wally Fellender, the reporter who covered Axminster for more than 40 years, right through the war years, writing his copy by hand. When he retired they bought him a typewriter!

There I am (above) taking over from Wally at his retirement party at the Cedars Hotel in Silver Street, surrounded by re-

porters and photographers from all over *Pulman's Country*, including Chard-based Dave Wheadon who died recently.

Others include photographers Courtenay Harris (deceased) and Dave King, reporters Martin Heal, Frank Cole and David Haydon (both deceased).

Wally turned out to be a hard act to follow because he never took a day off and never missed the most minor of events.

Sadly, he didn't see much retirement as he died at the age of 66 having had a leg amputated because of diabetes.

I, too, suffer from diabetes but thankfully the treatment has progressed greatly since those days.

When the photo above was taken I could never have imagined that one day I would own *Pulman's Weekly News*, founded in 1858, one of my proudest achievements.

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How did we cope before mobile phones and the web?

◆ SOMETIMES I wonder how we ever produced a newspaper without mobile phones and email.

When I was a cub reporter the height of technological sophistication was having a phone card which brought an end to us having to keep feeding the public telephone with coins as we phoned in our stories.

I clearly remember doing that on my way to Exeter College for the journalism day-release course when I came across a huge fire at Fenny Bridges.

I contacted head office at the Express & Echo to alert a photographer and proceeded to write the story in my notebook before phoning it over.

The only problem was I said it was the Fenny Bridges Hotel that was on fire. It was actually the Greyhound Inn which burnt down – and the Echo lost a very lucrative advertiser!

Email is a wonderful tool for journalists but I often hanker over those days when you built a network of contacts for tip-

offs and information.

Now, within seconds of a story breaking someone puts it up on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and the ever increasing number of social media outlets.

But I have had to learn to live with it and now my team of young reporters tweet all the big stories as they happen, posting it on Facebook as well as writing the story for our website and then updating it for the paper.

I have to admit I'm not big on Facebook, although I keep an eye on it.

I do post and re-tweet stories on Twitter, however, and was amazed when I realised recently that I have put up more than 9,000 comments since I started tweeting.

I rarely put up anything personal although I could not resist doing so when my first granddaughter Ella was born last year.

But that did not make me very popular with my son because I did so before they had announced it themselves.

I've got another one on the way and I bet I will be the last to know this time.

I have 978 followers on Twitter and I follow around 340, many of whom I have never met or ever likely to.

Actually, I enjoy the discipline of trying to put out my tweets (mostly local stories as they break) in exactly 140 letters. Writing concisely is an important skill in these days of mass media.

I spend a great deal of time travelling between here and London, where I run another group of newspapers, and I consider my mobile phone to be my most important business tool. Appointments made and decisions are all transmitted by text messaging.

Oops, must go. The wife has just texted me to say my dinner's ready.

There was a time when my evening meal would end up in the dustbin.

No excuse now not to get home on time!

Follow me on Twitter @philipevans08



Community café hands over cheque to The Project charity

COLYTON Community Café has given last year's profits totalling £420 to local charity The Project.

Based in Axminster, the charity helps young people with their emotional wellbeing and mental health through friendly, non-clinical support groups.

Formed in 2013, The Project runs entirely on the support of grants and donations, as well as a team of volunteers of all ages.

The community café organisers said they were really pleased that they were able to support The Project this year, commenting: "Debbie Humberstone and her team bring a vital service to our community that not only helps young people but also offers support to families and carers, and with mental health predominantly in the news what better charity to support than one that gives support to those in need in our local community."

"So many young people are battling mental health issues, and to think that we have a centre close by to offer help and support is so valuable."

First meeting to plan Colyton's Civil War Day

FOLLOWING its highly successful re-enactment in 2015 of the Monmouth Rebellion of 1685, the Promote Colyton Group is planning a Civil War Day in June 2017.

Monthly meetings to plan the event start tonight (Tuesday, January 10th) at 7.30pm in the Colcombe Castle and all are welcome to join in and share ideas.

by Peter Hodges
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Debbie Humberstone, founder and manager at The Project, said: "Our groups support up to 80 local young people every year, and are often the only help and support they receive. Young people attending The Project continually tell us of the difference that we are making to their lives, helping them to build self esteem and confidence, and in turn, enabling them to cope with the challenges they face in their lives."

"We have to raise all our own funds to continue this service, and the money donated by the Colyton Community Cafe helps us to do so."

"With so many young people now struggling with mental health problems, we are also passionate about raising awareness around the issues affecting young people - having a community group like the café supporting us is an important part of us being able to do that. It is vital that people have a better understanding of mental illness, to make it easier for those who are struggling to speak out and seek help when they need it."

The community café started up nearly three years ago and has given all its profits to charity, with funds raised in 2015 going to Young Minds, the UK's leading youth mental health charity.

If you would like to support the café, join them for coffee, tea and a selection of homemade cakes and biscuits, every Tuesday morning in the Sunday School building next to St Andrew's Church between 9.30am and 11.30am.



■ SUPPORTING LOCAL CAUSES: Organisers of the Community Café in Colyton hand over a cheque for £420 to Debbie Humberstone, founder of The Project charity in Axminster, just before Christmas

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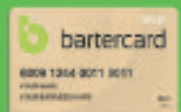
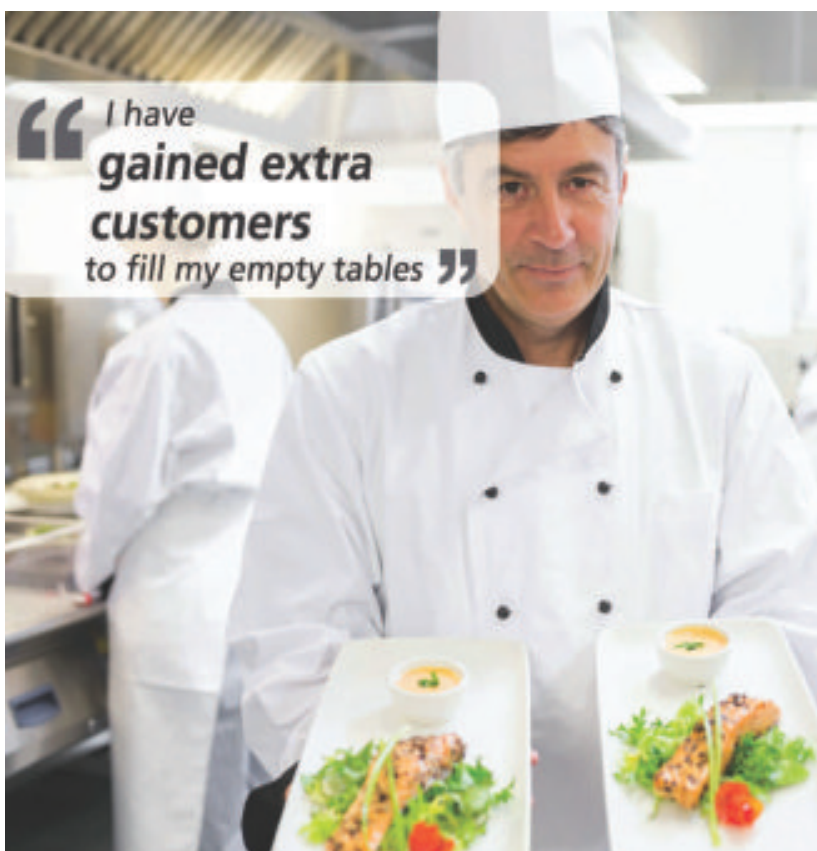
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■ THE late actor Drewe Henley, who used to run a bed and breakfast in Combpayne, is back on the big screen thanks to the wonders of modern technology in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*

Combpayne's Red Leader is back on the big screen

ACTOR Drewe Henley, who passed away last February, is back on the big screen.

He was known locally for running a B&B in Combpayne, near Axminster, but recognised around the world as one of the X-Wing pilots in the first *Star Wars* film.

Using outtake footage from his performance as Red Leader in *Episode IV: A New Hope*, Drewe features in the new *Star Wars* movie, *Rogue One*.

The previously unseen footage features in the film's dramatic conclusion, with Drewe's character taking a prominent role in the Battle of Scarif.

Speaking to the *Radio Times*, *Rogue One* director Gareth Edwards said: "We went to Skywalker ranch, where the archives are.

"And as we're walking around, and doing all the cool things and looking at the Millennium Falcon and trying on Han Solo's jacket and things like that, in the back at the bottom was all these cans of film. And we said 'what are they?' and they said 'Oh, it's *Star Wars*.' And you go... 'has someone gone through all this? And it's like 'not really, they're not fully like digitised at all.'"

The cans contained unused shots from the famous Rebel squadron call sign scene ahead of the Death Star assault, including Drewe's Red Leader.

"We got the neg documents and found the clips from *A New Hope* that hadn't been used," Edwards explained.

"And there's pilot photography and lines that were never featured in *A New Hope*."

The visual effects team were able to use these clips in the film's very own X-Wing attack scene near its climax.

"Through the magic of ILM [special effects studio Industrial Light and Magic] they cut round them and manipulated them and stuck them into our cockpits," Edwards added.

"It's the sort of thing you think, 'how many people will notice?' Do you know what I mean? It's like, is this a lot of effort for very little reward?"

"At the world premiere in LA, there was this massive cheer at that particular point in the film. It was the only time during the premiere where I actually punched the air."

Drewe's *Star Wars* performance was his only big screen credit before he retired from acting in 1979 battling manic depression. His career also included a string of TV roles in the Sixties and Seventies including *Z Cars* and *The Avengers*.

He died on Valentine's Day in 2016 at the age of 75, five months after his wife Lyn – a stalwart of Colyton Theatre Group – also passed away.

MBE for Thorncombe fundraiser

A FORMER Thorncombe resident who has dedicated over 30 years to raising money for a blood cancer charity has been made an MBE in the 2017 New Year's Honours list.

Richard Delderfield has volunteered for Bloodwise since losing his teenage son, Paul, to leukaemia in 1985. He was awarded the MBE for services to the charity, which changed its name from Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research in 2015, and the local Thorncombe community.

Richard, 74, who is honorary president of the national charity, was a member of its board of trustees for over 20 years and served as its vice chairman between 2007 and 2013, as well as acting as chairman for a time.

He joined the Yeovil & District voluntary branch of the charity in 1987 and later became the

branch's chairman.

Richard was raised in Essex and as a teenager he lost his mother to leukaemia when she was just 42.

His son Paul was first diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia in October 1984. He had just started sixth form and was interested in pursuing a career in nature photography and film.

Richard said, "After six treatments of chemotherapy, he was fine, but the disease returned very quickly.

"After much persuasion, he was given the latest treatment available but lost his brave fight and passed away in August 1985. He was 17 years old."

In 1985, a few months after their son's death, Richard and his wife, Angela, joined Sir Ian Botham on his first legendary John O'Groats to Land's End fundraising walk to beat childhood leukaemia.

Richard was inspired by the cause and has joined Sir Ian on every walk since 1992 for the charity.

Richard was also instrumental in setting up and organising many of the charity's 'Bikeathon' events, both locally and nationally, which have raised millions of pounds.

Richard and Angela lived in Thorncombe between 2002 and 2013 and now live in Suffolk.

Richard continues to fundraise and help in the charity in any way he can.

Richard said: "I am humbled, yet proud and honoured to have been awarded an MBE in the 2017 New Year Honours list, not only for my service and dedication to the charity Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research, which is now called Bloodwise, but also for my community involvement in Thorncombe."

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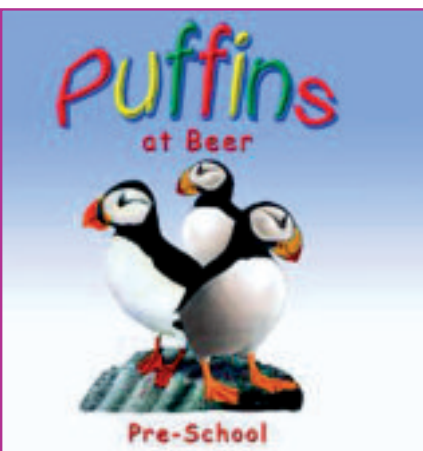
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After Year 6 Pupils move on to a range of local schools, both state and independent, and, most recently, our leavers have been awarded scholarships for academic, musical, sporting and all-round achievement. Our website gives a very good insight into what we do, although it is no substitute for visiting us and seeing the school at work! Open Mornings are held regularly throughout the year and personal tours can also be arranged through the School Office.

Chard School will be holding a Scholar-

ship Day on Monday 6th February 2017. Pupils currently in Years 2 to 4, who wish to enrol in 2017, may apply. Four scholarships will be awarded to children whose talents will enrich the academic, musical, artistic or sporting life of Chard School. Means-tested bursaries are also available. If you would like to enter your child for an award, please contact the School Secretary on 01460 63234 or office@chardschool.co.uk to request an information pack and application form. The closing date for applications is 27th January 2017.



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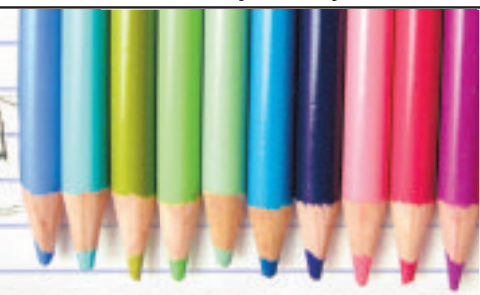
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Reading cures for young minds

"JUST because you're small, it doesn't mean your brain is small," says Susan Elderkin, author and 'bibliotherapist', over coffee."

She's referring to that perennial favourite Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's *The Gruffalo*, which, in Elderkin's new book, *The Story Cure*, written with fellow bibliotherapist Ella Berthoud, is a 'cure for being small'.

"Children's literature is full of examples of how the vertically challenged develop other qualities," they write, "and kids on the short side can select from a wide range of role models to find the one that best fits."

The duo, both children 'who'd go off and read for hours on end' met studying English Literature at Cambridge University, and set up their bibliotherapy service at The School Of Life in 2007. *The Novel Cure*, prescribing reading remedies to adults, was published in 2013 and *The Story Cure* was the natural follow-up - a book for adults to help children with everything from anxiety to zits.

In their selections, they've drawn on their own experiences as parents: Elderkin to a 7-year-old son, Kirin, and Berthoud to three daughters, aged 9, 11 and 14.

When Kirin was a tantrum-throwing toddler, Mo Willems' *Knuffle Bunny* - a picture book about the enraged tears that follow the favourite toy getting lost - was a favourite.

"He just found her tantrum so funny, but also felt the exasperation of the father, with all these question marks coming out of his head. That separation from the emotion is really helpful for kids, it's not just something inside any more. And you can access that later. You can stand outside the tantrum with them, once they've calmed down, and say, 'Look what it did to mummy, look what it did to daddy!'"

Berthoud's brood have require a different kind of cure.

"My kids are not instinctively the type to sit down with a book. They've been great advocates of the 'doing something else while you're reading cure' - so hula hooping while you're reading, or reading in the bath. They've ended up reading a lot more, it's a way



of making them feel like they're doing something."

In researching the cures, they worked with a child and adolescent psychiatrist and Berthoud advises: In the case of eating disorders or self-harm or suicidal thoughts, we would always say see a professional, but the books in here are adjuncts to that. We also say make sure you read the book yourself before your child does, or at the same time at least, so you can talk about it."

Elderkin adds: "Kids are naturals at being their own bibliotherapist, they know what they're drawn to and what they don't want. They're good self-censors."

So how does the therapy work? When a child picks up or is given a book addressing bullying, for example, what's going on in their head?

"The main cure is it shows you you're not alone, it's reflecting back to you a situation other people have been in, whether it's being bullied or the death of a grandparent, you might be feeling this or asking these sort of questions," says Elderkin. "That's just hugely comforting to a child because they don't have the emotional language yet to say to their parents, 'This is what I'm going through.'"

Stories are more important than ever, say the pair, and can play a huge role with easing fears - or allowing children to confront them in a controlled way.

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The 'Personal Finance' sessions will help prepare students for the challenge of managing their own fi-

nances when away at university, or in the world of work. It will cover advice on how to save and budget accordingly, as well as a look ahead at property rental and purchasing. 'Life Abroad' will help prepare our students with the important factors to consider when preparing for overseas travelling, as well as advice and guidance on how to successfully apply to study and/or work overseas. In 'Health and Wellbeing', students will be introduced to a range of techniques that they can use to help manage the pressure and stresses of exam preparation and the many challenges that life can present. Today, too many young people are seriously affected by mental health issues and we are keen to show them ways of managing stress and pressure.

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Curtis

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Alice

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COLYTON: Planning meeting for Colyton's Historical Re-enactment Event – English Civil War coming to you on Saturday, June 10th. Find out how you can take part in this exciting community event. All welcome 7.30pm at Colcombe Castle, Colyton. Organised by Promote Colyton Group. Further Info 01297 552626

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – 'eyes down' at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY JANUARY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington gardening club – the Garden writer Sally Nex will be giving her first hand experience of 'Behind the Scenes at Chelsea' The meeting will be held in Seavington Millenium Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome, £2 at the door. Details on 01460 929605.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting at their new location for their monthly meetings at 7.30pm at the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close. This first meet of the New Year will be their AGM. The association invite any person wishing to join the association to turn up on the night where they will be made most welcome.

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CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm in the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Illustrated talk by Mick Lock entitled 'The Far side of the world: Kamchatka and the Aleutian Islands – with flowers'. Visitors welcome, charge £2, to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'AN-THROPOID' (15), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

SUNDAY JANUARY 15TH

THE LATEST concert at Ilminster Arts Centre celebrates the West Country's rich tradition of folk music by bringing together three superlative folk acts under one roof on Friday, January 20th.

United for one night under the umbrella of 'Flying Folk', the performers comprise a duo from Somerset/Dorset, a fiddle guitar duo from West Camel and a local quartet of player/singers from Yeovil. Together they will be presenting a widely varied mix of folk material to provide a thoroughly entertaining evening.

David Mitchell and Graham Vincent play a lively mix of traditional tunes, which they have arranged for fiddle and classical guitar, alongside songs from around the British Isles. David and Graham are both trained luthiers, and some of the instruments they play are truly bespoke, made by themselves for themselves. David plays guitar,



Iain and Martine

mandolin, whistle and recorder, vocalist Graham plays fiddle and guitar.

Iain and Martine are a fiddle guitar



The Last Gasp Orchestra

duo from West Camel.

The Last Gasp Orchestra are John Johnson (guitar, mandolin and vocals); Malcolm Harris (guitar, banjo, mandolin and vocals); Phil Evens (bass guitar, vocals); Mike Cox (guitar, banjo, mandola, vocals). They are all friends who meet on a regular basis and play at music sessions around Somerset and Dorset. For this concert at Ilminster Arts Centre they will be performing a collection of both traditional and contemporary folk songs from the United Kingdom, Ireland and the United States

The concert promises an evening of sensational folk music, enhanced by the stunning acoustic of the Arts Centre.

Flying Folk: an evening folk music, takes place at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, January 20th at 8pm. Tickets are £10 (no suppers), To book please contact the Box Office on 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



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SIDMOUTH: Piano, Poetry & Prose at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30–4.30pm. With Joyce & Brian Hall, Tony Sparkes and John McGregor. Free. Retiring collection for Restoration Fund.

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness January Meeting. Guest Speaker: Paula Jackson on 'Divination By Tea Leaves'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm – 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session. Book at Centre.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

HAWKCHURCH: Hawkchurch History Society. Literature and Landscape in East Devon with Peter Naismith, writer and photographer, will talk about the many connections between notable authors and our region. At Hawkchurch Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Non-members welcome. £5 (inc tea/coffee/biscuits).

CHARD: Chard, Ilminster & District U3A invites anyone who has retired from full employment to come to Chard Guildhall at 2pm for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits and learn about 'Smuggling in Devon'. with Robert Hesketh.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11.00am–12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue United Reformed Church, Chard Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@half.org.uk.

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HONITON: Hospiscare Craft and Bargain Sale at Mackarness Hall, 9am–12noon. Homemade refreshments served.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18TH

COLYTON: Devonshire Association Axe Valley Branch at The Pavilion, Peace Memorial Playing Fields, 2.30pm "East Devon Pebble-bed Heathland" Dr. Sam Bridgewater – Nature Conservation Manager, Clinton Devon Estates – will talk about one of the largest areas of lowland heathland in the UK with many rare species of plants and birds. All welcome, admission £1 for DA members, non-members £3. Details from 01297551529 or brian_denham@talktalk.net

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

CLAPTON: Jumble Sale in aid of the Birkett-Smith Animal Sanctuary, 2–4pm at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Donations to be dropped off 10am–12pm. For more details call 01460 74654.

HONITON: he first meeting of the year for the Honiton U3A is on Wednesday 18th January when they welcome their speaker, Janet Diamond who will be giving a talk entitled 'The Age of the Pyramid' a look into how and why the first pyramids appeared in Egypt with insights into their beauty and architecture. Venue: The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton. Doors open 1.30pm for a 2pm start. Members free and Visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2). Further information: 01404 598008 or website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/Honiton>

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

AXMINSTER: Axe Valley Centre, National Trust talk entitled 'Thomas Whitty and his Axminster Car-

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings – weekly listings without dates may not be published.

VIEW FROM the beehive

Looking at 2017

With Wendy Van Der Plank

IT SEEMS incredible that we have now been open and running a successful community arts centre in Honiton for nearly three years, and what a pleasure and joy it has been to provide entertainment for a huge cross section of the community and for those beyond. Some have even told us that The Beehive was the reason for them choosing to settle in Honiton, as they wanted to be able to walk down the road to go to the cinema, theatre and any assortment of live music gigs and comedy events.

We had a great year in 2016 with some terrific shows, several sell outs and some pretty close to the max, including Police Dog Hogan, Mad Dog Mcreea, Henning Wehn, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the live screening of the Royal Ballet's 'The Nutcracker', Bridget Jones' Baby, and of course the ever popular Honiton Community Theatre company production of 'Peter Pan'.

Huge thanks must be said for our wonderful team of friendly, fab volunteers and staff, to Honiton Town Council for providing this community resource and also to the board of directors for steering this mammoth undertaking and giving so very much of their time and expertise towards The Beehive.

Well, for 2017 we aim for even more sell outs and are already well on the way with 'Aladdin' in February half term, 'Ralph McTell & Wizz Jones' on February 10th, and as we go to print, 'Sound of The Sirens' will be on sale (April 7th) they are sure to sell very quickly, along with 'The Noble Jacks' (March 31st) who were definitely the best live act at Chagstock last summer! Jethro has already sold out, sorry folks!

Personally I can't wait for Wille & the Bandits coming for their new album launch 'Steal' on January 21st. The album has had great reviews and these immensely talented, versatile musicians are fantastic live. They are also joined by Blackballed (frontman is Marshall Gill, New Model Army guitarist, loads of lovely naughty energy!).

I love a bit of ascerbic wit too, so am really looking forward to *Observer* food critic, presenter of R4 Kitchen Cabinet, and Master Chef Judge, Jay Rayner's comic show 'The 10 Food Commandments' followed by a Q&A session on the March 4th (although I'm rather terrified at providing his supper!).

A return visit from the fabulous Welsh band, 'Rusty Shackle' is definitely a go to gig, they were brilliant last year, it was fantastic to see so many people loving them - they play the Beehive on April 14th).

Also so delighted to have the amazing David Mylne (founder member of Cornwall's legendary Kneehigh Theatre) performing 'The Odyssey! Its Greek stuff...' (March 18th) all the good bits with the boring stuff removed. A compact piece of theatre magic. David Mylne's skill with just a few simple props, a rubber face and clear and concise storytelling will fill the Beehive with drama, delight and hysterical laughter!

On April 1st we have 'No Finer Life' by Graham Harvey, (Agricultural Story Editor of The Archers for 20 years and writer of more than 600 episodes), who brings to the stage the true tale of an unlikely Cotswold hero and an enduring romance. The play is set in the Oxfordshire countryside at the end of World War Two, rich in tradition and full of vivid, memorable characters. But this is no nostalgic, bucolic ramble! The show also features new live music composed and performed by Alastair Collingwood, who has written scores for numerous TV and theatre shows. Graham Harvey will be taking part in an after-show conversation - included in the ticket price - where he will discuss the issues in the play... and all things Ambridge!



■ GIG-goers (including Wendy, front in purple) had a rocking time at the recent Mad Dog Mcreea gig

Our Science 'Festival of the Imagination' was such a success last year, with splendid feedback from families and folk of all ages that we are having another this year on May 5th and 6th so be sure to add this to your diary. There will once again be lots of activities and exciting things to discover with interesting talks and displays culminating in a very special scientific family show on the Saturday night by the brilliant Tangram theatre company; The Element In The Room: A Radioactive Musical Comedy About The Death And Life Of Marie Curie.

Add to all this some truly wondrous Folk gigs with top quality artistes like Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston, Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman, along with The Phil Beer Band and then some great tribute bands like The Darkside of Pink Floyd, and The Beach Boy's Story, not to mention our Royal Opera House Live streaming, and Oscar contender films like 'La La Land', 'Lion' and 'Manchester By The Sea', then hopefully we will have a bit of something for everyone!

Please do keep an eye on our website or pop in, as new events are added all the time - www.beehivehoniton.co.uk. Here's wishing and hoping for a tremendous year for all from everyone at The Beehive.



Members of Axminster Drama Club are gearing up for their performance of Robinson Crusoe

Don't get shipwrecked, get your tickets now for Robinson Crusoe!

TICKETS are selling well for Axminster Drama Clubs 2017 pantomime *Robinson Crusoe* which will take place at the Guildhall from Thursday 19th to Saturday, January 21st, with a matinee on Saturday 21st. So you better hurry if you don't want to be left shipwrecked and without a ticket for what looks like being a fabulous show. As usual tickets are on sale at The Archway Bookshop in Church Street Axminster.

Axminster Drama Club Presents...

Robinson Crusoe

The Pantomime

Written by Paula Smith

Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st January 2017

at 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm

The Guildhall Axminster

Directed by Mike Speller & Jack Price

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Tickets: Adult £8, Child £7 from:-
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THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS (12A)

Fri 13 Jan 7.30pm £6.50/£5.50

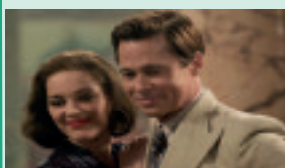
A lighthouse keeper & his wife raise a baby they find as their own, but as time goes by, the little girl's past begins to catch up with them.



FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM (12A)

Sat 14 Jan 3pm, 7pm £6.50/£5.50

Eddie Redmayne seeks magical creatures in the first part of a new Harry Potter spin-off series.



ALLIED (15)

Fri 20 Jan 7.30pm £6.50/£5.50

Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard star in a gripping World War II spy thriller from director Robert Zemeckis.

SAT 21 - WILLE & THE BANDITS (Roots/Rock) + BLACKBALLED

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Diary Dates

pets' by Laurence Hitchcock. Colyford Memorial Hall, 2.30 pm Non-members welcome £2. Including refreshments.

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Dumbleton: 1984. 10 a.m. in the small hall, Seaton Methodist Church. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Steven on 01297 21872.

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CHARD: Chard Camera Club will be holding an inter club competition with Wellington Camera Club at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church Hall.

CLAPTON: Community Coffee Morning, hosted by Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10am – midday. There will be a cake stall & raffle; all contributions welcomed. Do come and join us, to support your local facility, whilst meeting friends & neighbours or getting to know new people; all welcome. More details from Julia (01460 72769)

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CREWKERNE: Special Lunch – Roast Pork at Henhayes Centre. 12noon for 12.30pm. £8.

SUNDAY JANUARY 22nd

SIDMOUTH: Instrumental Interludes at Sidholme Music Room, Elysian Fields. 3.30–4.30pm. With music students from Colyton Grammar School and Sidmouth College. Free. Retiring collection for Restoration Fund.

MONDAY JANUARY 23rd

WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club meeting. Roger Clemens, 'Images of Winter', watercolour/pen and ink. Meetings every Monday 2–4pm at the Jubilee Hall, Church Street. Coffee/tea and biscuits provided.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members. Transport available for second session. Book at Centre.

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TUESDAY JANUARY 24th

SEATON: Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am–1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). At the United Reformed Church, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email laura@half.org.uk.

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25th

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Social Evening at Uplyme Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Bring and Share food, a light-hearted Quiz, Sweet pea planting and a Seed Swap – bring your spare seeds and exchange them for something you have never grown before. You will also have the chance to pay your subscription and collect a 2017 Events leaflet.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25th – SATURDAY 28th

CREWKERNE: CUDOS presents 'Rapunzel' written by Jack Northcott at Victoria Hall, Crewkerne, 7.30pm nightly and 2.3 pm Saturday Matinee. Tickets £7 and £6 available from www.cudos.org.uk or 01460 74380.

B Sharp set to make waves in the new year

An exciting new music project Soundwaves is now open to young people of Axminster and beyond

A NEW MUSIC project based in Axminster aims to strike a chord with young people from across East Devon by offering weekly music making sessions for all abilities.

Led by Lyme Regis based music charity B Sharp, Soundwaves is an exciting after-school activity for young aspiring musicians and singers ages 9-11 who play an instrument or sing – as well as for those who would like to try out something new for the first time.

"We welcome everybody, whatever their level of musical experience, style or interest," says B Sharp professional music leader Jacques Verhaeren. "The sessions are held in a relaxed, creative, fun and friendly environment and we will have a range of instruments available for those who don't have one."

Jacques will be working with Axminster-based fellow music leader and band member Jon Pogson from local band Mr Jean. The sessions will bring musicians together to play music, improve personal, social and musical confidence and will develop ideas generated by the young people to see where they lead.

"I'm thrilled to be working on Soundwaves in my home town where music opportunities for this kind of creative expression are incredibly limited for young people," says Jacques.

"It's amazing how quickly young people can come up with a cool tune, some vocals or a catchy keyboard line if they just have a go," adds Jon.

B Sharp music leaders have years of experience running music sessions with young people in Lyme Regis and Bridport, and are really excited to be able to now offer this music making programme in East Devon.



The project is funded by Devon Music Education Hub – Babcock, DAISI, the Devon Arts in Education charity as part of a Youth Music grant funded programme, and East Devon Parishes Together fund in association with Axminster Town Council.

All sessions are open to children from across the area including all local primary schools. The sessions run termly and take place at Axminster Primary school from January 11th to April 5th inclusive initially, with a view to run termly thereafter.

The sessions run every Wednesday from 3.45pm for a 4pm start until 5pm.

The cost per young person per session is between £1 and £3. B Sharp also offer bursaries were applicable.

Registration and booking is advisable but those who wish to participate are welcome to just turn up with a parent or guardian to meet the music leaders and other participants for the first session.

To find out more information contact Fran Williams fran@bsharp.uk.com or visit www.bsharp.uk.com

Alison Neil's new one-woman show Mrs Beeton, My Sister, comes to Yarcombe

AWARD-WINNING actress Alison Neil is visiting Yarcombe again in 2017 following the great success she had in February 2016 with her "Packed house, sell out" performance of *The Fossil Lady of Lyme Regis*.

On February 3rd, she is performing her one woman show, *Mrs Beeton, My Sister*, at Yarcombe to mark the 150th Anniversary of Mrs Beeton's death. The story of the publication of her famous book on Household Man-

agement and the entertaining and moving story of her life.

Alison Neil's one woman shows, directed by David Collison, have been widely enjoyed and this one is no exception, receiving many accolades. Alison will follow her performance with a question and answer session. There will be hot drinks and a light finger buffet supper.

Early booking is recommended. Tickets, including refreshments, priced £9.50, with £7.00 for suitable aged children from 12 to 17.

Mrs Beeton, My Sister will be performed on Friday, February 3rd at 7.30pm at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall. Tickets are available from John Carter 01404 861353, Lesley Pidgeon on 01404 881634, and John Salter on 01404 861465.



Alison Neil as Mrs Beeton

Meadow Fairs launching new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fair in Axminster

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January 28th

(Next Fair March 4th)

Enquiries: Meadow Fairs 01297 24446 or 07977 591 736

AXMINSTER Guildhall is set to host a series of new Antiques, Collectables and Decorative Fairs, with the first fair taking place on Saturday, January 28th.

Meadow Fairs, organisers of the event, have previously run successful fairs in Beaminster.

There will be a large number of stands which will include pictures, books, jewellery, silver, glass, china, textiles, needlework and small furniture.

Organisers are looking for new stall-holders in any of the above categories.

The fair on Saturday, January 28th runs from 10am-3.30pm at the Guildhall, West Street, Axminster, Devon EX13 5NX.

For more details or to book a stand, call Meadow Fairs on 01297 24446 or 07977 591736

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CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

HONITON: Portrait Drawing Demonstration with SWAc Associate Ken Cosgrove at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 1.30–4.30pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. cup of tea/coffee.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27th

SEATON: Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 10.30–12.30 Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At The United Reformed Church Hall, Cross Street, Seaton EX12 2LH. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email hannah@half.org.uk or go to www.half.org.uk.

TATWORTH: Film: 'I, Daniel Blake' (cert 15). Showing at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

HONITON: Hospiscare Bingo Evening. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. At the Mackarness Hall. Refreshments and raffle.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28th

SIDMOUTH: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Winter Wonderland', at Stowford Centre (A3052). 8–11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1st

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SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Bulcock: RHS Gardens at Wisley and Rosemoor. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3rd

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

YARCOMBE: 'Mrs Beeton, My Sister', performed by Alison Neil at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm. The show will mark the 150th anniversary of Mrs Beeton's death. Early booking is recommended. Tickets, including refreshments, priced £9.50 with £7 for suitable aged children 12–17. Available by calling 01404 861353, 01404 881634 or 01404 861465.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am–2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk.

HONITON: Guided Exhibition Tour by SWAc Academician Ray Balkwill, at Thelma Hulbert Gallery, 6–8pm. £3 (£2 THG Friends) incl. glass of wine

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9th

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. The Gold Club will be giving a talk on "Growing Fruit and Vegetables on the Patio". There will be plants for sale. Visitors welcome £2 payable at the door and refreshments will be available plus a raffle. For further information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728.

Nicky Sweetland's

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WE ARE spoiled in this area with the glorious countryside and miles and miles of stunning coastline. A crisp cold winter walk along the beach is one of the things I look forward to the most after spending time in the city and I try to get out and about as often as I can. While I was on one of my seaside jaunts last week I happened to walk past the broadcaster and fashion designer Fearne Cotton who spent New Year in Lyme Regis with her family. The TV star posted some gorgeous pics on Instagram of the mini break and alongside her husband (who happens to be the son of The Rolling Stones' Ronnie Wood) obviously really savoured her time spent in West Dorset. It made me think about how popular our local area is with celebrities. I think it's mostly because they can properly get away from the suffocating lifestyle of the city, without the hazard of being constantly hounded by paparazzi and hoards

of fans.

Whenever I meet celebs, I tell with great pride about where I live. They're often really envious of my lifestyle and many regale me of beloved memories of visits to our local area. The acclaimed actor Martin Jarvis talked with huge affection about family holidays to West Dorset when I interviewed him last year. The Marine Theatre marked his first ever foray onto stage when, as a child he enjoyed one of the annual summer variety shows at the seaside venue.

Professor Stephen Hawking was spotted in Lyme last year and television presenter Jeremy Kyle frequents the town. I once walked past one of my showbiz idols, Julie Walters, in Mill Geen and wished I'd had the courage to stop and talk to her. However, I believe one of the attractions for big name stars is the fact they can relax and not be bothered, so I would never impose myself in that

way. That's the reason why I never get photos with the celebs I meet in London too. Asking for selfies and autographs isn't something that is appropriate in most of the situations in which I meet them and I'm sure if I were to start asking for photos, I'd soon find my work would start to dry up.

Another fan of Lyme Regis is Take That star Gary Barlow, who has visited the Alexandra Hotel on a number of occasions. I'm off to meet Gary next week and I'm taking local award winning photographer Richard Austin with me, so on this occasion, I should get some photographic evidence. With his new TV show Let it Shine premiering on BBC1 last weekend and The Girls opening in the West End in February, Barlow really is the man of the moment as far as the world of musical theatre is concerned. I'm hugely excited about interviewing Gary at the rehearsal for The

Girls and about meeting some legends of theatre too, including Clare Moore (whose many theatre credits include playing the original Ellen in Miss Saigon) Joanna Riding (who played Julie Jordan in Trevor Nunn's epic National Theatre production of Carousel and Jane Smart in the original West End cast of The Witches of Eastwick) and the indomitable Michelle Dotrice, who many will remember for her fabulous portrayal of Betty alongside Michael Crawford in the classic television show Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. I've recently seen both actors on stage; Dotrice provided a huge helping of humour to the play Nell Gwynn alongside Gemma Arterton and Crawford tried his best in the rather pedestrian musical version of The Go Between (I struggled to stay awake!). Anyway, I'll let you know how I got on with Mr. Barlow and the Calendar Girls next week.

This week I had a



Strictly Come Dancing champions Ore Oduba and Joanne Clifton

chat to the star of the stage version of Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner, Ben Turner, who is best known for playing Jay in BBC1's Casualty and who was utterly adorable. I also talked to Max Caulfield after a couple of failed attempts about a musical called Death Takes a Holiday (many will know the story from the film Meet Joe Black, which starred Brad Pitt and Anthony Hopkins). Max was in the cult film

Grease 2 and it was really interesting talking to the 57-year-old actor about his varied career, which has been immensely successful, both here and in America.

I also had a fab, but cold evening at Richard Branson's opulent Kensington Roof garden and chortled at some up and coming stand up comics including Rhys James and Chris Stokes.

Next week I'm off to see the Kite Runner at

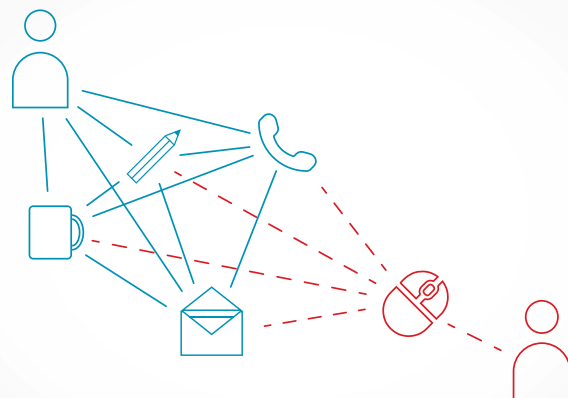
the Wyndham's Theatre and I'm invited to watch a rehearsal of the Strictly Come Dancing 10th anniversary Live Tour, so I'll get to meet all of the stars including the 2016 champion Ore Oduba (although not his partner Joanne Clifton as she's currently touring the UK in Thoroughly modern Mille), former Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls and all of the professional dancers.

It's also the tech rehearsals for my pan-

tomime in Axminster. I'm pleased to say I now know (most of!) my lines, so I've just got the dance steps, the songs and my general woodenness to work on. Ah well, I'm sure it will be all right on the night.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites london-newsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

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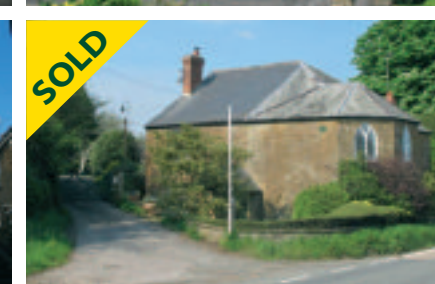
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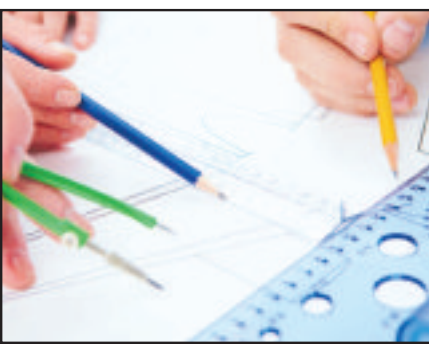
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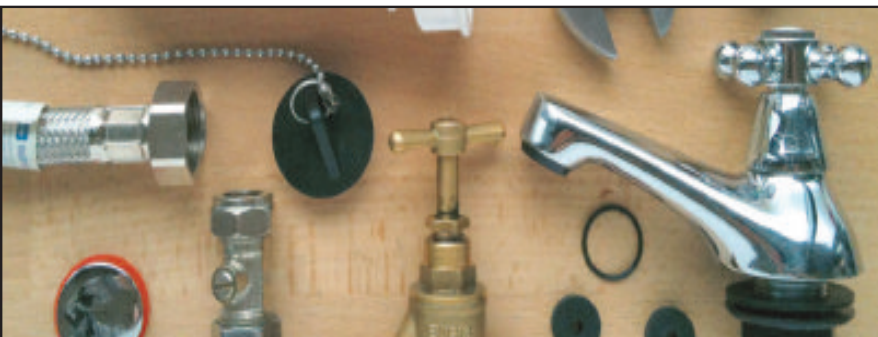
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A top speed of 209 mph (336 km/h) and a 0-60 mph time of 3.4 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.5 seconds) make the new Continental Supersports the world's fastest and most powerful luxury four-seat car.

Similarly, its soft-top sibling, the Continental Supersports Convertible, is the fastest four-seat convertible in the world, despatching the sprint to 60 mph in 3.7 seconds (0-100 km/h in 3.9 secs) on its way to a 205 mph (330 km/h) top speed.

Bentley's mighty W12 engine, redeveloped for the Supersports with new high-performance turbos and engine hardware, and a torque vectoring system create a Continental Supersports as agile as it is powerful. Meanwhile, unique styling cues inside and out give the new model a sharpened athletic appearance highlighting its performance potential.

As well as offering supercar pace and a highly focused driving experience, there is no compromise in the refined nature of the Continental's ride quality. This fusion of extremes in luxury and performance make the Supersports the ultimate iteration of a model that has come to define and dominate the grand touring genre.

Wolfgang Dürheimer, chairman and chief executive of Bentley Motors, said: "The Supersports name is legendary at Bentley. From the very first Supersports of the 1920s, to the Continental Supersports of 2009 – and now with the third iteration of this iconic model – it is a name which excites, impassions and thrills. Only Bentley could create a car which blends immense performance and unrivalled luxury in this way."

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These extensive engine revisions result in an increase of 80 PS (79 bhp) and 217 Nm (160 lb.ft.) over the 2009 Supersports model – a 10 percent power-to-weight and 25 percent torque-to-weight ratio improvement. The top speed rises by five miles per hour (and the 0-60 mph time drops by 0.3 seconds).

The Supersports also benefits from a new torque converter which locks up faster allowing the car to make best use of the enhanced torque figure of 1,017 Nm (750 lb. ft.), and accelerate from standstill even more rapidly.

In order to rein in this immense performance the new Supersports is fitted with high-performance carbon

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The new Supersports is the lightest-ever iteration of the current Continental GT and lighter than the 2009 four-seat Supersports model.

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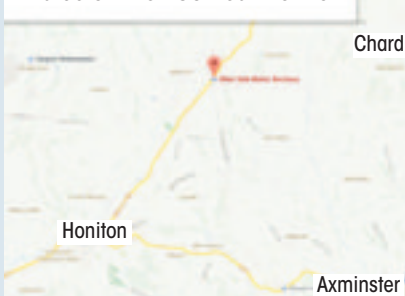
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Vauxhall celebrates sales hat-trick with award-winning Astra

ROUNDING off last year in style, Vauxhall's multi award-winning Astra has celebrated a sales hat-trick by being number one in its segment in each of the last three months of 2016.

According to figures released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, the Astra cruised to victory with 15,948 sold in the fourth quarter and a total of 32,313 sold between July and December 2016, making it the best-selling car in its segment in the second half of the year, too.

This sales momentum capped a superb year for Vauxhall's family hatchback, having built up an impressive list of accolades including 2016 European Car of Year, a game-changer award from Autocar and category wins at the Auto Express, What Car? and Fleet News awards.

In Scotland, Vauxhall was the largest selling manufac-

turer, according to figures released by the Scottish Motor Trade Association. Vauxhall has been number one in the region for the last nine years.

With over 10,000 sold last year, the Corsa was Scotland's best-selling car. The top-selling Corsa has been Scotland's best-selling car for seven out of the last eight years. Two other Vauxhall models featured in Scotland's top ten best-sellers, including the Astra in fifth place with 5,260 sold and the Mokka in tenth place with 3,843 sold.

And if that wasn't enough, Vauxhall is the number one supplier to Police fleets with a 70 per cent market share of competitive segments. A position it hopes to strengthen after opening the largest Police car factory in Europe at its manufacturing plant in Luton, Bedfordshire last year.

"The Astra is the best family car on the market," said Rory Harvey, Vauxhall's Chairman

and Managing Director. "After winning a host of top awards, 2016 was the new Astra's first full year on the market and I am very pleased to see it top its segment in the fourth quarter and the second half of the year. Now we focus on 2017, with our best-ever product portfolio and five new models in the pipeline."

Vauxhall is set for a groundbreaking 2017, with a total of five major product launches that will add further variety to its range, already one of the largest in the UK, while at the same time entering new market segments. The five new models are the Insignia Grand Sport, Sports Tourer and Country Tourer, Crossland X and Grandland X.



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Axminster to host – showpiece Final on Friday – Barrett and Mulhall doubles send Hippos top

football tables

SW Peninsula D1E (34)	Pld	Pts
Stoke Gabriel	22	46
Brixham AFC	22	45
Newton Abbot Spurs	23	44
Credition Utd	21	42
AXMINSTER TOWN	24	41
Teignmouth	21	41
Appledore	21	39
Torridge	21	38
St Martins	22	29
Liverton Utd	21	25
Alphington	21	24
Sidmouth Town	21	24
Bovey Tracey	21	22
Exeter University	19	20
Gallopston Utd	21	18
Totnes & Dartington	21	16
Budleigh Salterton	18	15
Exwick Villa	20	12

D&E Premier (28)	Pld	Pts
Honiton Town	15	39
Newtown	15	39
Elmore	12	30
Heavitree Utd	12	25
Topsham Town	15	23
Okehampton Argyle	14	23
Feniton	14	20
Seaton Town	15	19
Uptontery	17	18
Clyst Valley	15	18
Exmouth Amateurs	15	17
Beer Albion	12	14
Hatherleigh Town	17	12
Newton St Cyres	16	12
Bow AAC	14	2

D&E Div 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	12	32
Sidmouth Town Res	13	24
Colyton	12	22
Lyme Regis	11	20
Exeter University Res	11	19
Wetheridge Reserves	11	18
Exmouth Town Res	11	16
Alphington Reserves	12	12
Willand Rovers Res	15	10
Wellington Reserves	12	9
Bickleigh	12	2

D&E Div 2 (26)	Pld	Pts
Cullompton Rang Res	16	40
Lapford	15	36
University 3rds	12	25
Dawlish Utd	14	23
Axmouth Utd	15	22
Heavitree Utd Reserves	11	21
Woodbury	13	17
Newtown Reserves	14	17
Dawlish Town	13	15
Chagford	12	14
Halwill	15	14
Budleigh Salterton Res	16	14
Tipton St John	14	12
Lymptone	14	10

D&E Div 3 (20)	Pld	Pts
Bampton	13	32
Exeter University 4ths	12	27
PERRY STREET	11	26
Honiton Town Res	14	26
East Budleigh	17	25
Axminster Town Res	13	23
Tedburn St Mary	15	19
Newton Poppleford	12	15
Clyst Valley Reserves	14	14
Exmouth Amateurs Res	15	10
Culm Utd	16	4

D&E Div 4 (24)	Pld	Pts
Thorverton	12	34
Kentisbeare	11	31
Uplowman Athletic	14	31
Ottery St Mary	16	25
Countess Wear Dyn	14	24
Sandford	16	20
Exeter University 5ths	12	19
Priory	12	17
Otterton	13	16
Pinhoe	14	14
Morchard Bishop	16	12*
St Martins Reserves	15	11
Sampford Peverell	15	6

D&E Div 5 (24)	Pld	Pts
Royal Oak	13	37
Credition Utd Reserves	12	31
Winchester	12	24
Whipton & Pinhoe	13	22
Millwey Rise	14	22
Feniton Reserves	13	19
South Zeal Utd	15	19
North Tawton	13	16
Starcross Generals	15	15
Newton St Cyres	16	15
Alphington 3rds	14	11
Beer Albion Reserves	11	10
Awilcombe Utd	13	7

D&E Div 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Exwick Village	14	34
Winkleigh	12	33
Henryock	12	25
Offwell Rangers	13	24
Lyme Regis Reserves	12	24
Central FC	10	19
Halwill Reserves	14	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	13	17
Elmore Reserves	12	13
Dunkeswell Rovers	13	11

THERE'S a showpiece in store for local football fans on Friday evening when Axminster Town FC's Tiger Way Ground plays host for the Football League South West Midweek under 16 cup final between Exeter City and Bristol Rovers.

City's under-16s, who defeated AFC Bournemouth and Plymouth Argyle to top their qualifying group, also have a national semi-final to look forward to having also come top of their group.

The South West midweek floodlit cup, which is in its trial year, has been devised to give the youngsters a taste of competitive cup football, in a stadium environment, ahead of taking on the challenge of the FA Youth Cup at under-18 level.

With free entry for all, a big crowd is anticipated for the match with kick off at 7.30pm.

SW PENINSULA LEAGUE (D1E)

AXMINSTER TOWN 3 SIDMOUTH TOWN 1

A THIRD consecutive win has seen Axminster Town bounce back up to fifth spot in the South West Peninsula League table.

The Tigers had neighbours Sidmouth on the back foot in the early stages as they roared into a 2-0 lead inside the opening 10 minutes.

Aaron Daniels opened the scoring after challenging Sidmouth keeper Josh MacClean. Jon Hurford then crossed for Liam Cleal to double the advantage from six yards out.

A Shaun Densham header from a free kick gave the Vikings hope soon after the interval, but the win was sealed when Daniels picked out Cleal with a fine through ball and the winger rounded MacClean and rolled home his second of the afternoon.

Sidmouth finished the game with 10-men when a defender received a late second yellow card.

Axminster are without a fixture next weekend.

Axminster Town: Scott Wells-Burr, Ben Clay, Chris Duchenski, Elliot Dyer, Craig Every, Danny Clay, Nathan Warren, Liam Cleal, Aaron Daniels, J.Hurford, Tony Pinder. Subs: Ben Vine, Callum Garrett, Mark Smale, Mark Scott.

A mention too for Lyme Regis-born Cameron Vere who was a member of the Exmouth Town team which secured a place in the last 16 of the FA Vase with a 4-0 hammering of Kent-based Corinthians on Saturday.

D&E Reports

NEWTON ST CYRES RES 3 MILLWEY RISE 2

WITH three of their regular players missing Millwey struggled to play very much cohesive football.

They fell behind in the eighth minute only for Levi Hoole to equalise from the penalty spot midway through the half.

Ben Parnell then restored the hosts lead with his second goal of the match before Rise responded again on the half hour with the goals of the game – a fine left foot volley from Jack Farrant.

The winner came on the hour when a defensive error led to Reece Beauchamp beating keeper Nathan Hoole to clinch it for St Cyres.

MILLWEY RISE RES 2 CENTRAL FC RES 4 (D9)

MARK PIKE opened the scoring for Millwey but what followed was a series of silly mistakes which enabled Central to move into a 2-1 lead by half-time.

On the restart Pike gave the home side some hope when he scored again but the mistakes and errors continued throughout the second period and Central took full advantage to finish the game 4-2 winners.

D&E Round-up

HEAVITREE UNITED shocked Premier leaders NEWTOWN 2-0 with goals from Matt Finn and Joe Grimes.

HONITON regained top spot on goal difference as they cruised to a 4-0 success at CLYST VALLEY with doubles from Aidan Barrett and Joe Mulhall.

TOPSHAM TOWN had to settle for a goalless draw at HATHERLEIGH TOWN, but FENITON won 4-1 at BEER ALBION with goals from Charlie Selley (2), Lewis Ede and Jon French while Simon Smith netted the Fishermen's late consolation after Chris Long had earlier rattled the Fenny crossbar.

SEATON TOWN beat UPTOTTERY 2-0 with Richie Durrant and Josh Lund scoring.

IN Division One it finished 2-2 between LYME REGIS and ALPHINGTON with Dom Rowe and Julien Simier netted for the Seaside.

Division Two pacemakers CULLOMPTON RANGERS just managed to better AXMOUTH UNITED 1-0.

BAMPTON came from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 with AXMINSTER TOWN in their Division Three clash, Jamie Barfoot (2) and Mike Knight scored for the Tigers.

HONITON 2NDS were much too strong for lowly CULM UNITED with Blake Freemantle (2), Kieran Conway, Luke Phillips, Jack de Winton and Olly Mephram on target in a 6-1 win.

THORVERTON dropped their first points as Division Four leaders held 2-2 by OTTERTON ST MARY.

ROYAL OAK remain six points clear of the pack in Division Five following their 6-1 blitz of BEER ALBION.

In Division Six Dec Ellis grabbed four goals and Rhys Evans one for LYME REGIS in their 5-2 win at DUNKESWELL.

In Division Eight UPTOTTERY 2NDS hosted AXMINSTER 3RDS in a top of the table clash. After a goalless first half Brad Morris hit a 20-yard free kick to open the scoring, and with 20 minutes to go Jay Williams added a second.

ST MARTINS are the new Division Nine leaders after they won 4-1 at HONITON TOWN with Nathan Selway netting the consolation.

RESULTS

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PREMIER

Beer Albion 1, Feniton 4.
Clyst Valley 0, Honiton Town 4.
Hatherleigh Tn 0, Topsham Town 0.
Heavitree United 0, Newtown 2.
Newton St Cyres 2, Exmouth 4.
Seaton Town 2, Uptontery 0.

DIVISION ONE

Cronies FC2, Exmouth Town 2.
Lyme Regis 2, Alphington 2.
Sidmouth Town 3, Bickleigh 1.

Wetheridge 4, Willand Rovers 3.
DIVISION TWO
Cullompton Rgs 1, Axmouth Utd 0.

Dawlish United 7, Lymptone 1.
Tipton St John 0, Lapford 5.

DIVISION THREE

Bampton 3, Axminster Town 3.
Exmouth Amat 3, Clyst Valley 6.
Honiton Town 6, Culm United 1.

Perry Street 8, N Poppleford 1.
Tedburn St Mary 2, East Budleigh 4.

DIVISION FOUR

Kentisbeare 3, Countess Wear 0.
Morchard Bishop 1, St Martins 3.
Otterton 2, Priory 1.

Pinhoe 5, Sandford 4.
Thorverton 2, Ottery St Mary 2.
Uplowman Ath 3, Sampford Pev 0.

DIVISION FIVE

Alphington 2, Whipton & Pinhoe 2.
Credition Utd 3, Awilcombe Utd 1.
Feniton 0, Winchester 4.

Newton St Cyres 3, Millwey Rise 2.
Royal Oak 6, Beer Albion 1.
Starcross Gen 2, North Tawton 3.

DIVISION SIX

Central FC 0, Winkleigh 5.
Dunkeswell Rov 2, Lyme Regis 5.
Elmore 1, Halwill 2.

Exmouth Spar 2, Ch Fitzpaine 1.
K&M Polonia 2, H T Dons 0.

DIVISION EIGHT

Bravehearts 2, Bampton 2.
Lapford 2, Amory Green Rovers 1.
N Poppleford 3, Kentisbeare 14.

Queens Head 6, Seven Stars 4.
Sandford 1, Bradninch 2.
Uptontery 2, Axminster Town 0.

DIVISION NINE

Amory Green 1, East Budleigh 5.
Honiton Tn 1, St Martins 4.

Millwey Rise 2, Central FC 4.

FIXTURES

Saturday, January 14th

PREMIER

Exmouth Amateurs v Uptontery
Feniton v Clyst Valley
Honiton Town v Hatherleigh Town
Newtown v Elmore
Okehampton Argyle v Newton St Cyres
Seaton Town v Bow AAC
Topsham Town v Heavitree United

DIVISION 1

Alphington v Bickleigh
Exmouth Town v Willand Rovers
Sidmouth Town v Lyme Regis
University v Colyton

Wellington Town v Cronies

DIVISION 2

Budleigh Salterton v Dawlish
Cullompton Rangers v Halwill
Heavitree United v Woodbury
Lapford v Chagford

Lymptone v Tipton St John
Newtown v Dawlish United
University v Axmouth United

DIVISION 3

Axminster Town v Exmouth Amateurs
Clyst Valley v East Budleigh

Culm United v Honiton Town
Newton Poppleford v Tedburn St Mary
University v Bampton

DIVISION 4

Otterton v Morchard Bishop
Pinhoe v Kentisbeare
Priory v Uplowman Athletic
Sampford Peverell v University

Sandford v Ottery St Mary

Thorverton v St Martins

DIVISION 5

Alphington v Starcross Generals
Beer Albion v South Zeal
Credition United v Millwey Rise
Royal Oak v Awilcombe United

Whipton & Pinhoe v North Tawton
Winchester v Feniton
Wincaster v Feniton

DIVISION 6

Halwill v Dunkeswell Rovers
Hatherleigh Town v Silvertown
Lyme Regis v Hemoyock
Offwell Rangers v Central

Tivvy Park Rangers v Elmore
Winkleigh v Stoke Hill
DIVISION 7

Cheriton Fitzpaine v K&M Polonia
Colyton v Ilminster Town
Cranbrook v Bickleigh
H T Dons v Exmouth Spartans

DIVISION 8

Amory Green Rovers v Bradninch
Bampton v Axminster Town
Bravehearts v Newton Poppleford
Queens Head v Sandford

Seven Stars Kennford v Lapford
Uptontery v Kentisbeare
DIVISION 9

Chagford v East Budleigh
Feniton v Honiton Town
St Martins v Witheridge
Tedburn St Mary v Millwey Rise

football tables

Stoke Hill	11	8
Silvertown	14	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	14	5

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Wellington Town 3rds	16	39
Cranbrook	14	35
Ilminster Town Res	14	34
Sidmouth Town 3rds	14	27
Exmouth Spartans	15	25
K&M Polonia Exeter	15	21
Woodbury Reserves	15	16
Seaton Town Reserves	13	14
Cheriton Fitzpaine	15	12
Bickleigh Reserves	12	11
Colyton Reserves	13	7
HT Dons	14	3

D&E Div 8 (22)	Pld	Pts
Uptontery Reserves	12	31
Axminster Town 3rds	14	29
Bravehearts	12	28
Kentisbeare Reserves	14	26
Queen's Head	14	24
Newton Poppleford Res	15	20
Lapford Reserves	13	19
Amory Green Rovers	15	16
Bampton Reserves	12	14
Seven Stars Kennford	14	12
Bradninch	16	9
Sandford Reserves	13	5

D&E Div 9 (18)	Pld	Pts
St Martins 3rds	13	33
Wetheridge 3rds	14	32
Chagford Reserves	12	21
Honiton Town 3rds	14	19
Millwey Rise Reserves	11	18
East Budleigh Reserves	12	18
Tedburn St Mary Res	12	13
Amory Green Reserves	15	13
Central FC Reserves	14	12
Feniton 3rds	13	7

FOOTBALL LEAGUE S.W. MIDWEEK UNDER 16 CUP FINAL

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Phillips family clinch Texas scramble

HONITON with John Pawley

NEW Year's day was witness to some 60 or so hardy souls starting the year as they intended to finish. Members from across the club competed in a Texas Scramble, with a shotgun start at 9am.

The weather was bound to influence proceedings, with most ending their rounds very wet, cold and tired! Not so for the Phillips family, of Julian and sons Ben and Jake, who took the top prize.

The first meeting of the year for the Tuesday Mixed was attended by only 12 players despite the glorious sunshine.

A hard frost meant that temporary greens were in play for the American Foursomes format. Despite this Sue Ritchie & Rob Sexton achieved an excellent 40 points and won top prize. Next were Cathy Uttley & Paul Ritchie with 39 points.

On a bright Wednesday the ladies got back into the swing and played a Greensomes with mostly temporary greens – providing some uncertainty.

Despite this some good scores were posted, notably by Sue Ritchie & Elizabeth Ward who came in with an unbeatable 39pts.

In second were Tricia Swindell & Olwen Eaton with 34 followed by Linda Blundell & Janet Hughes with 32 on count-back.

On Friday 56 Seniors took part in an individual Stableford, coupled with the fourth round of their Winter Eclectic competition.

Peter Clarke, on 34 points was first in Division with Mike Ward, Dave Maggs and Paul Ritchie hot on his heels, each with 33 points and separated by count-back.

In Division Two Howard Pritchard romped home with 41 points and a handicap reduction. John Vessey was second on 36, John Pawley third on 35 and Larry Goodliffe fourth with 34.

Two's were recorded by Bob Cleal at the 2nd hole and Peter Clarke at the 10th hole – earning each of them 18 balls.

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AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Seniors played their last Stableford match of 2016 on December 30th and the best score was by R Heard (HC 15) who came in with a nice 36 pts.

Close behind in 2nd was N Garwood (HC 16) with 35 and, in 3rd place, on countback, was N Moorcraft (HC 18) with 34 together with A Bishop (HC23) who was 4th also with 34. P McGuire and N Moorcraft both carded twos.

The ladies section played for the Hangover Cup on January 4th although it was not apparent that any ladies was still suffering!

The competition was a stableford over 15 holes and in first place was Margaret Kenchington with 32 pts.

In second place was Jo Donmall with 26 and in third was Anne Jarvis with 23 on countback from Pauline Willis in 4th place.

CRICKET ST THOMAS with Bert Robinson

A SHORTENED week for the Seniors started on Wednesday when 44 members attended

a four-man Texas scramble event in which each team member was required to take at least four drives.

With conditions being favourable, combined with receptive greens, scores of well under par were predicted. Martin Bargery's team led the field for the early starters with a score of 59.0 which was just 0.25 of a shot better than Dickie Hall's side. However, later in the day, Frank Martin led his side into the clubhouse with an impressive 56.8.

Result: 1st Frank Martin; Barrie Heath; Barrie Singleton & John Pearce 56.8, 2. Martin Bargery; John Wandless; Robin Flower & Mike Aldridge 59.0, 3rd Dickie Hall; Frank Singleton; Ian Fielder & C. Hiam 59.25.

Meanwhile, 52 Seniors attended the four man "Hassle" competition on Friday. Once again, the benign conditions were responsible for the good scores recorded, with the early starters having the best of the conditions before rain hampered the tail enders.

Only 14 shots separated the first three teams and seven teams sub 60 scores.

Brian Marsh's side set the landmark early on with an impressive 57.5 nett score which was a mere 0.1 of a shot better than Nick Hill's side. Later in the day, Richard Forster and his team triumphed with a score of 55.

Result; 1st Richard Forster; James Siabi; Bob Rees & Stuart Forbes 55.80, 2nd Brian Marsh; Dave Walgrove; Ian Griffiths & Rod Stevens 57.50, 3rd Nick Hill; Barrie Singleton; Nobby Hodder & Norman Markby 57.60.

ilminster angling

Brr...a cold start

THE match at Dillington Pond on December 28th was well attended with 17 anglers eager to get on the bank after the festivities.

A crisp cold day saw quite a few struggle although the leading weights were still respectable. Tackleuk's Scott Russell on peg six found two bonus bream on the pole and along with some small roach weighed 10lb 10oz for the top weight on the day. Jamie Rich was second with 7lb 5oz from peg 19, Jamie had mainly small roach on maggots and pinkie although he did have a nice skimmer of 1.5lb on caster.

Paul Homewood was third with four skimmers, a nice perch and some small fish on the feeder for 6lb 5oz from peg two. **Sections:** A – Ashley Tomkins (Tackleuk) – 4lb 8oz. B – Rob Cox (Ilminster) – 5lb 5oz.

Meanwhile, 12 members were on the Isle for the first match of 2017. It was quite mild to start before the weather took a turn for the worse, the wind picked up and the anglers had to endure freezing rain for most of the match.

Leighton Cox was the only angler to break double figures with 10lb of roach and perch from the first peg above the road at Hambridge.

Graham Field took second with lots of small fish for 6lb 2oz from peg 126 at Isle Brewers and Steve Hurford was third with 4lb 4oz of roach and perch from peg H2.

After six matches Graham Field leads the league with seven points followed by

Jamie Rich on eight and Rob Cox and Steve Parker with 10.

1ST Leighton Cox (Ilminster) – 10lb 2ND Graham Field (Taunton) – 6lb 2oz 3rd Steve Hurford (Ilminster) – 4lb 4oz.

Sections: A – Baz Morgan (Somerset Angling) – 3lb 14oz, B – Stuart Aplin (Ilminster) – 4lb 2oz.

Rich haul sees Jamie top

Finally, nine members fished round five of the V.E.S. Precision league on the Isle on Sunday and, after some rain on Friday, the river was in perfect condition.

Some very good weights were recorded with Jamie Rich coming out on top with a lovely net of mainly roach on the pole and caster weighing 20lb 5oz from peg 128 at Isle Brewers.

Adie Bishop was second with 10lb 9oz from peg H5 at Hambridge which included some big perch and Graham Field was third with 9lb 4oz of roach from peg H1 below the road.

After five matches and dropping the worst result, Adie Bishop leads the league with seven points followed by Steve Parker on eight and Graham Field with nine.

Round seven of the Royal Oak league is on Sunday and the draw is at the pub between 8.30 and 9am.

Scores: 1st Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish) – 20lb 5oz, 2nd Adie Bishop (Taunton) – 10lb 9oz, 3rd Graham Field (Taunton) – 9lb 4oz.

Sections: A – Baz Morgan (Somerset Angling) – 5lb 11oz, B – Rob Cox (Ilminster) – 8lb.

on the frontier around the local skittles leagues

Colyton

Div 1: Gerrard A 346 (R Hooper 68) Vine B 376 (R Blackmore 73); New Inn A 354 (N Jones 74); Seaton FC A 345 (W Doble 64); Lamb B 335 (A Churchill 63); Lamb A 316 (S Pomeroy 62); Tuckers Arms B 395 (K Tratt 76); Cloakham B 367 (P Miller 69); Colcombe A 429 (S Marks 80); Axminster Con A 431 (I MacDonald 79); Red Lion Cavaliers (R Summers 69) Honiton Con D 381 (W Collins 70); Colyton Club A 347 (P Clode 64) Red Lion A 337 (Jo Flint 61). **Div 2:** Vine A 336 (C Every 67) Gerrard B 331 (D Tucker 68); Dolphin Vikings 379 (K Aris 74) Honiton WMC A 365 (S Pye 75); Eagle Tavern 385 (B Hutchings 80) Kings Arms Beers 361 (M Archibald 68); Ship C 360 (V Trivett 68) Honiton Con A 346 (A Rose 71); Tuckers Colcombe A 356 (D Dower 68) Volunteer A 360 (S Charlton 66); Sidbury Stones 372 (G Sweetland 87) Colcombe Beerboys 367 (C Vine 76); Wheelwright A 355 (C Hammett 73) Offwell A 343 (I Bell 67).

Div 3: Three Tuns BTP 293 (M Davies 54) Red Lion Sidbury 298 (N Barrett 54); Cloakham Wanderers 356 (A Arnold 67) Mountbatten Whites 369 (T Revell 75); Wilmington Harts 359 (J Woolacott 69) Colcombe B 346 (M Bleaken, T Yates 65); White Hart B 340 (G Binmore 63) Ship Inn A 347 (P Ives 68); Kingfisher A 303 (M Griffiths 57) Vine Nomads 312 (P Norman 61).

Div 4: Seaton FC B 359 (J Furber 65) New Inn B 316 (D Hodder, P Ross 58); Honiton Con A 323 (L Dunn, M Richards 57) Rising Sun B 309 (D Hall 62); Rising Sun A 350 (R Drew, G West 69) Axminster Inn A 330 (S Palmer 63); Kings Arms A 332 (P Burrows, B Parker 61); Honiton ConArtists 345 (Debbie Soan 69) Heathfield A 357 (M Phillips 67);

Div 5: Sidmouth Arms Kings 341 (O Fuller 70) Dolphin B 349

(Abbie Gribble 71); Heathfield B 347 (M Glaeser 65) White Hart A 373 (Ros Hallworth 73); Winstons KOOTS 332 (R Wooland, J Miles 64) Kingfisher B 326 (S Tribe 58); Honiton Con Raiders 336 (T Foster 67) Tuckers Arms D 298 (D Bennett 55); Colcombe Nomads 388 (P Easter 78) Seaton Bowling club 342 (J Wright 65); Offwell B 379 (S Scotland 72) Colyton Club B 424 (S Riley 86).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Red Lion Caves	13	22
New Inn A	13	20
Axe Con A	13	19
Gerrard A	13	19
Vine B	13	18
Tuckers Arms B	13	15
Colyton Club A	13	13
Honiton Con D	13	12
Lamb B	13	12
Seaton AFC A	13	10
Red Lion A	13	8
Colcombe A	13	6
Cloakham B	13	4
Lamb A	13	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Vine A	13	20
Volunteer A	13	20
Offwell A	13	18
Sidbury SC Stones	13	18
Dolphin Vikings	13	14
Wheelwright A	13	14
Ship C	13	13
Colcombe Beerboys	13	11
Honiton WMC A	13	11
Eagle Tavern	13	10
Gerrard B	13	9
Honiton Converts	13	8
Kings Arms Beers	13	8
Tuckers Arms A	13	7

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Cloakham Wanderers	10	14
Wilmington Harts	11	14
Sidbury Village Inn	11	13
Mountbatten Whites	11	12
Volunteer B	10	12
White Hart B	10	12
Vine Nomads	10	11
Kingfisher A	10	11
Red Lion Sidbury	11	9
Three Tuns BTP	10	8
Ship A	10	6
Colcombe B	11	6

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	11	20
Kings Arms A	11	16

Honiton WMC B	11	15
Axe Inn A	11	13
Heathfield A	11	12
Winstons	11	11
Honiton Con A	11	9
New Inn B	11	9
Rising Sun B	11	8
Seaton AFC B	11	8
Tuckers Arms C	11	6
Honiton Con Artists	11	4

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	11	20
Colyton Club B	11	18
Offwell Rejects	11	14
Sidmouth Arms Kings	11	14
Dolphin B	11	12
Seaton Bowling	11	12
Winstons Koots	11	12
Kingfisher B	11	10
Heathfield B	11	8
White Hart A	11	8
Honiton Con Raiders	11	2
Tuckers Arms D	11	2

Axminster

Men's League December 21st
Div 1: B&Gs 340 (J Cloud 62) Green Army 356 (J Lack 67), Lamb Spartans 359 (S Flint 66), Old Kilm A 309 (I Huntley 59), Red Devils 419 (G Fisher 74)

Thorncombe Drifters 369 (J Collins 69), Thorncombe B 308 (M Boulton 54) Tuckers C 365 (D Roberts 68), Gerrard D 333 (W Mudd 61) Wootton Cowboys 342 (J Jones 61), Kingfisher Feds 320 (P Squire 62) Red Lion D 280 (J Hooe 57), Axe Con Rebels 293 (S Pomeroy 54) Sidmouth Arms 287 (S Durrant 54).

Div 2: Colcombe A 437 (J Williams F Batten 81) Axe Inn Jokers 427 (A Churchill 80), Wootton Sherberts 336 (L Baker 68) Gerrard A 306 (R Collier 59), Tuckers Maggots 367 (K Schultz 75) Thorncombe A 353 (M Stead 68), New Inn C 343 (R Webb 67) Lamb A 332 (D Jones 63).

Div 3: AxFC IV 407 (J Mitcham 85) Axe Con Club A 372 (A Sampson 78), AxFC Halfcuts 412 (I Strawbridge 75) King Wingers 447 (P Brooker 89), Gerrard B 368 (R Voysey 68) AX FC A 376 (T Webber 73), Axe Inn A 331 (T Pratt 61) Colcombe B 331 (P Wyatt 69).

Div 4: Lamb 49rs 307 (J Larcombe 55) Lamb Shanks 297 (A Wells-Burr 59), Winston Wobblers 335 Ship Rotary 313 (J Brennan 60), WH Colyford 356 Tuckers Y 329 (L Burrough 63), Bottle Inn 325 (A Harre 64) Gerard C 330 (G Seward 61), Kingfisher A 284 (J Skelton 56) New Inn Hawks 281 (I Hampson 57), Bevs Boys 346 (M Jones 64) Colcombe Nomads 357 (B Sheedon 68).

Division One	Pld	Pts
B & Gs	14	22
Ax Con Club Rebels	14	22
Lamb Spartans	14	20
Thorncombe B	14	18
Wootton Cowboys	14	16
Tuckers C	14	16
Red Lion Red Devils	14	14
Sidmouth Arms (Uppottery)	14	14
The Feds (Kingfisher)	14	12
Green Army	14	10
Old Inn Kilmington A	14	10
Red Lion D	14	10
Thorncombe Drifters	14	8
Gerrard D	14	4

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	14	20
Thorncombe C	14	20
Wootton Sherberts	14	20
Axe Inn Jokers	14	18
New Inn Kilmington C	14	16
Tuckers Maggots	14	16
Colcombe A	14	14
New Inn Kilmington A	14	12
White Hart Warriors	14	12
Cloakham Stars	14	10
White Hart Wilmington A	14	10
Red Lion C	14	10
Gerrard A	14	6
Lamb A	14	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Gerrard B	13	18
Old Inn Kilmington B	12	16
Axminster Inn B	11	16
Axminster FC IV	12	14
King Wingers	12	14
Axminster Halfcuts	12	14
Axe Con Club A	13	14
Axminster Inn A	13	13
Axminster FC A	12	12
Kings Arms Seaton A	11	10
Axminster FC B	12	6
White Hart Wilmington B	11	6
Colcombe B	13	5

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49rs	13	21
Lamb Shanks	13	16
Colcombe Nomads	12	16
Seaton Bowling Club	10	14
New Inn Hawks	13	14

Winston Wobblers	13	13
Bey's Boys	9	12
Kingfisher A	13	12
Gerrard C	12	10
Ship Rotary	12	8
Bottle Inn	12	8
White Hart Colyford	10	6
Tuckers Y	12	4

Ladies League

December 19th

Div 1: Gerrard Guzzlers 320 (M Smith 62) Axe Inn A 332 (C Banner 58), Colcombe A 429 (A Ogden 86) Seaton BC 376 (Di M 71), New Inn B 278 (W Mitcham 50) Wotnots 304 (B Crispin 58), Thorncombe Newtops 333 (M Fursman 59) New Inn A 310 (P Hurford, J Cook 63), Colcombe Girls 341 (A Wren 65) Red Lion A 373 (J Flint 79).

Div 2: Axe Inn Allsorts 268 (J Pring 54) Gerrard A 267 (S Gardner 53), Red Lion Rabble 317 (F Bagge 61) Colcombe Angels 289 (J Binmore 60), B&Js Cloakham 364 (A Dredge 82) Thorncombe A 323 (B Harding, Kim Gaylard 62), Tuckers B 350 (S Cooper 70) Tuckers A 326 (M Hurford 61), Ax FC Battleaxes 368 (S Bennett 71) Cloakham A 362 (A Ellis 64), Seaton FC 314 (T Kenworthy, L Smitham 64) Colcombe B 308 (S Wilton 56).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	11	18
Wotnots	10	18
Seaton Bowling Club	11	16
Colcombe Girls	11	12
Red Lion A	11	12
Rousdon Ladies	11	11
Colcombe A	10	10
New Inn A	10	9
Bees Knees	10	7
Gerrard Guzzlers	11	7
New Inn B	10	4
Thorncombe Newtops	11	4

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
White Hart Wilmington A	12	16
Tuckers Arms B	12	16
Battle Axes	12	15
Cloakham A	12	14
B & Js	12	12
Seaton FC	11	12
Gerrard A	11	12
Colcombe B	12	11
Tuckers Arms A	12	10

Crewkerne & District

NOTE: Division Three team **Kings Men** have changed alley from The Kings Arms, Crewkerne to The Muddled Man, West Chinnock with immediate effect. Meanwhile, the last day of trading at **The Portman Arms** in East Chinnock was December 31st, it has now closed. The **Headhunters** are relocating to The Squirrel Inn, Laymore, near Winsham, TA20 4NT (telephone 01460 30298).

Divisionals Cup R1

Division One: Mighty Ducks 166 Royal Oak 182, Rollers 235v Headhunters 204, Super Sexy Six 223 Odd Bobs 172, Stray Cats 234 Lost Boys 257. **Division Two:** Pinbusters 250 Ugly Ducklings 263, Raptors 256 Brewers Bees 250, Fudders 219 Muppets 262, Loud & Proud 236 Skimmers 225. **Division Three:** Concorde 265 Royal Chokers 271, Likely Lads w/o v Beer Leg Boys, Kings Jesters 265 Willy Low Flyers 277, Chis Colts 239 Rotary 242.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Super Sexy Six	10	99
Lost Boys	10	84
Mighty Ducks	10	79
The Coachmen	10	74
Headhunters	10	69
Football Club	10	68
Rollers	10	55
Stray Cats	10	51
King Willy Dogs	10	43
Odd Bobs	10	40
Sports 92	10	30
Royal Oak Drimpton	10	28

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Loud & Proud	10	89
Brewers Bees	10	76
Skimmers	10	73
Perrott Monkeys	10	65
Hillbills	10	63
Rugrats	10	63
Pinbusters	10	60
Raptors	10	54
Muppets	10	50
Ugly Ducklings	10	49
Fudders	10	

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RESULTS (1001/Pairs first): **Week 13:** Halesy's Bar B 5(2) Golden Hind 0(4); Dolphin B 1(4) Kingfisher B 4(2); Vault B 1(3) Royal Clarence A 4(3); Kingfisher A 1(4) Dolphin A 4(2); New Inn 1(0) Halesy's Bar A 4(6).

Week 14: New Inn 1(1) Dolphin A 4(5); Kingfisher A 5(6) Royal Clarence A 0(0) (default win); Dolphin B 2(3) Golden Hind 3(3); Halesy's Bar B 2(3) Kings Arms 3(3).

Highest Finishes: 120 Steve Hayes (Halesy's Bar B), 116 Maxi French (both Halesy's Bar B); 112 Jamie McLennan (Kings Arms).

1001 pairs Tucker Cup	Pld	Pts
Halesy's Bar B	12	47
Halesy's Bar A	11	46
Kings Arms	12	37
Dolphin A	12	36
Vault A	11	34
Golden Hind	12	32
Vault B	11	26
Kingfisher B	11	25
Kingfisher A	11	23
Dolphin B	12	19
Clarence A	11	10
New Inn	10	5

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Division One	Pld	Pts
Rejoice Shots	10	87
Why	10	74
Mighty Oaks	10	66
King Willy	8	57
Crusaders	10	52
Jokers	9	51
Cats Eyes	9	41
Happy Hooters	8	38
Waffy Crankers	8	33
Clubbers	8	22
Madrid Reserves	8	18
Highest get out:	L.Gosney 158.	

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Premier Division	Pld	Pts
Rejoice Return	5	102
High 4 & a Half	5	98
Hobnobs	6	73
Wanderers	5	72
Crusaders	5	63
BDBs	4	59
Happy Sharks	5	49
Hopefuls	5	35
Most 180s:	L.Cox x4, S.Rutter x3, G.Hill & P.Lawrence all x2, seven players x1.	

football county u18

Call ups for local young stars

A QUINTET of local footballers have been selected as part of the Devon County FA U18 squad for upcoming South & West Counties Championship matches against Somerset and Gloucestershire.

Sidmouth Town's Jamie Newberry, Josh McLean, Ollie Binion and Tom Badcock will be joined by Axminster Town's Tony Pinder in the 16-man line-ups, while Sidmouth's Lyne Regis-born Tyler Wellman is

included in the standby list of 12.

Fixtures;
Tonight, January 10th
Devon v Somerset
(at Devon County FA Headquarters, Coach Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 1EJ - 7.30pm ko)

Saturday, January 21st
Devon v Gloucestershire
(at Devon County FA Headquarters, 2pm ko)

short mat east devon league

Evening D1	Pld	Pts
Beer	6	10
Sidbury Whites	4	7
Sidbury	5	6
Colyton	6	5
Uptonery	4	4
Musbury	5	4
Seaton	6	2

Evening D2	Pld	Pts
Awliscombe	8	10
West Hill	6	9
Uffculme	7	8
Sidbury Reds	7	7
Ottery St Mary	6	5
Colyton B	6	1

Afternoon D2	Pld	Pts
St Teresa's	7	8
Seaton Blue	6	8
Combe St Nicholas B	6	7
Chard	7	6
Sidford Blue	6	5
Lyme Regis	6	4

Afternoon D3	Pld	Pts
Hemycob B	7	8
Musbury	6	8
Seaton Green	6	7
Colyton B	6	6
Combe St Nicholas A	6	6
Sidford White	5	1

starter's orders running news

Hawker fleads them home at Axmouth

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

THERE was a bumper turnout of 189 for the SEATON PARK RUN held on New Year's Eve with many seasonal holiday runners taking part.

The race was won by Joe Woodley of Skyrac AC in 17:20, with Samuel White of Shelton Striders 2nd, 17:28 and Simon Davis 3rd, 17:48.

AVR's Flo Swan was once again the first lady, 12th overall in 20:09.

This week's Seaton 3K parkrun was won by Simon Durrant in 19:44 with Adrian Comford of Crewkerne RC 2nd, 19:44 and AVR's James Gular 3rd, 20:00. Sara Pearce was the ladies winner, 7th overall, 22:59 with AVR's Eleanor Taylor 2nd lady, 10th overall, 23:22. Keith Agland was 2nd AVR and 1st over 60 in a new PB of 22:51.

Further afield Dave Kelf ran the GORLESTON CLIFFS PARKRUN in 33:19, 229th out of 284 which was his quickest time for 18 months.

Emma Kiernan ran the FIRST CHANCE 10K in Exeter, a great flat 10k which attracted over 500 runners and Emma ran brilliantly to finish 76th in 40:32, just ahead of James Ashforth 89th, 41:44.

HONITON RUNNING CLUB

with Judy Davey

jack high bowls round-up

Tough start for local bowlers

HONITON with Julie Grant

The new year has not started so well for the Honiton Ladies.

The County Lane triples game against ISCA was lost 69-68, the best winning rinks were; at home - Gloria Randall, Jean Mitchell & Pearl Hackwood 17-12, and away; Carol Armitage, Judith Broom & Gail Hawke 21-16. This meant that Honiton scored four points.

In a friendly against SIDMOUTH Honiton ladies lost 64-45 away, best rink; Carol Armitage, Val Kille, Maureen Parsons & Marian Vessey 19-22.

The mixed friendly away at BUDLEIGH SALTERTON was won 51-30, top rink players were; Carol Armitage, Joan Mackintosh, Ron Rogers & Tilly Tillier 26-12.

ILMINSTER with Des Maull

ILMINSTER Ladies run in the Double Rink ended with a loss to CLARRIE DUNBAR on both rinks. Line-ups: Away, Val Dargue, Norma Pugh, Heather Grinter and Maureen Mitchell; Home, Sue Donovan, Sarah lightfoot, Alison Atyeo and Sue Spurway.

AXMINSTER with David Harris

AXMINSTER Indoor Bowls Club won their three

rugby chard

Big win, now Chard must back it up

Chard 27 Bideford 19

South West Division One

CHARD'S recent good form continued with this nail biting win writes Glyn Hughes.

Chard were excellent in the first half and led the visitors 19-0 at the break but Bideford refused to fold.

Chard took the lead with an opportunistic effort from Sjeur who took a quick tap penalty to score under the posts. Osman converted.

With 25 minutes gone Chard scored the best try seen at the club this season when, after some slick handling, winger Ben Stead cut inside and scored under the posts with Osman again getting the extras.

The Chard forwards were looking a lot more organised and aggressive than in recent matches with Ben

Mainwaring impressing in both set and loose play.

The hosts increased their lead just before the interval when Johnson crossed in the corner for an unconverted effort.

Chard started the second half well and increased their lead with a second try from Sjeur who also then landed a penalty to put Chard 27-0 ahead.

But Bideford now at last showed what they were made of and totally dominated the last 20 minutes.

Their forwards were tremendous, and tries from number eight Sam Griffin, flanker Alex Priest and prop Richard Norman plus two conversions from fly half Chris Snell really put Chard under the cosh and made the good crowd very nervous at the end.

ALTHOUGH some Club Members headed for Axmouth for the hills on Sunday others opted for a pancake flat 10K from the Quay along the river in Exeter known as the FIRST CHANCE which is a two loop circuit mostly on tarmac and gives fast times.

The winner was Phil Wylie from Cheltenham in 31:02. Roger Saunders led the HRC runners home coming first in his category in a time of 43:37 his fastest for 10 years. Katy Campbell was next in 47:21. Jay Sweetman followed in 49:56. Anne Carter was close behind in 50:28. Asilah Jarrald and Clare Melbourne were close with Asilah just getting in front at 51:27 and Clare in 51:36 and both smashed their PBs.

Phil Hall finished in 57:44 which he was pleased with as he had not run for some time.

Honiton's Kevin Hawker won the Axe Valley Runners' Axmouth Challenge 10 miler in a time of 1 hour and 14 seconds. Adam Hennessey had a great race to come 8th in 1:06:13. David Hawker also ran well to come 12th in 1:10:09 and Rod Inglis managed a category prize coming 19th in 1:15:41.

Other results; Steve Davey 24th in 1:17:55, Hadleigh Davies 28th in 1:20:54, Judy Davey 31st in 1:21:22, there were 58 finishers.

Howard Bidmead has suffered from injury

recently and decided to give the five-mile version a go. He came fourth overall in 48:56 and was 1st in his category.

The winner was Simon Davis in 35:45 and there were 17 finishers. The distance actually measured more like 5½ miles and with the '10 mile' version only measuring 9.1.

There was also a three-mile run and a one mile run mainly for the children. Several Honiton youngsters took part in the onemiler with Max Spiller first for Honiton coming 8th in 12:18. His sister, Ella, came 12th in 13:47 and brothers Ben, Charlie and three-year-old Harry Entwistle completed the HRC line up to come 13th in 15:22, 15th in 15:43 and 22nd in 19:23 respectively.

CHARD ROAD RUNNERS

with Paul Masters

CRR's were in action across two races last weekend - the STROKE STAMPEDE a 10K Road run on a fast route around the lanes of Stoke St Gregory

The Second was the AXMOUTH CHALLENGE a 10-mile off-road, hilly and muddy race above the village of Axmouth.

Addie Douglass, Matt Baker and Emma Male ran together for the final sprint to the line; Addie crossed in 1h 38m 22s followed in by Matt and Emma both in 1h 38m 31s.

Five runners took on the Stoke Stampede - the Somerset 10k that has been held for



◆ NEW BEST TIME:
Stevie Potter finishes strongly in the Stoke Stampede

more years than 30 years.

In a large field of 450 runners, Nina Wagstaff led the team home, followed by Stevie Potter who posted a pb in 44:00, taking around two and a half minutes off her previous best. Simon Hall was pleased to come through in 56 minutes, Claire Pomeroy was next and close to getting under the hour mark, and it was great to see Miranda Colebird run over the line in this early 2017 race.

crib round-up

HONITON

RESULTS: Blacksmith Arms 3 Vine Inn A 5, Honiton Inn A 2 Thirsty Farmer 6, New Fountain 3 Feniton Soc B 5, Vine Inn B 7 Workingmens A 1, Workingmens B 4 Honiton Inn B 4.

Captains Cup;

Hedley Hawkins 0 Lorraine White 1, Julie Davis 1 Rita Freemantle 0, Lionel Hawkins 0 Maureen Pendrick 1, Mike Dent 0 Brenda Flood 1, Steve Pettitt 0 Audrey Hawkins 1.

Fixtures (Jan 12th); Feniton Soc B v Feniton Soc A, Honiton Inn B v New Fountain, Thirsty Farmer v Vine Inn B, Vine Inn A v Workingmens B, Workingmens A v Blacksmith Arms.

Table	Pld	Pts
Blacksmiths Arms	16	78
Vine Inn B	16	74
New Fountain	15	67
Vine Inn A	15	67
Thirsty Farmer	16	63
Workingmens A	15	59
Workingmens B	15	59
Feniton Social B	15	57
Honiton Inn B	15	53
Feniton Social A	15	53
Honiton Inn A	15	47

Captain's Cup	Pld	Pts
Lionel Hawkins	15	13
Julie Davis	15	9
Hedley Hawkins	16	8
Rita Freemantle	15	8
Brenda Flood	16	8
Lorraine White	15	7
Julie Bath	15	7
Mike Dent	15	7
Maureen Pendrick	15	7
Audrey Hawkins	15	6
Steve Pettitt	16	4

in the final 10 minutes.

Chard were not helped by having two players sent to the bin, but in truth this was purely because of the players concerned being fully committed to the cause.

Chard had to play with a few younger players and they did the club proud.

Man of the match was Luke Carslake whose defensive tackling throughout was excellent.

Scorer Emil Szydelko was impressive when ever he had the ball and showed a great deal of potential.

Wells 12 Chard 3rds 24

CHARD 3rds were greeted

with a pitch which wouldn't look out of place in the Somme. Mud was the word of the day writes Gavin Watts.

From kick off the match was pretty even although the Chard pack had difficulty finding any footing for scrums with gravity and the mud against them. They held out for a long period before the pressure told and Wells ran in two quick tries, one of which was converted to lead 12-0 at the break.

Early pressure in the second half saw Chris Doel run in for two tries and from then on Chard were dominant, especially at the scrums, and this resulted in a scrum won through a penalty and Josh Lovett

crashed over.

With the kicking specialist off the pitch, the duty went to prop Rich Lovelock who promptly slotted the conversion.

With the bonus point beckoning Chard kept the tempo up and pressure down in the Wells half finally told with a bonus point try through Paul Watson. Lovelock kept up his 100 percent kicking record with the extras.

The 3rds are at home to Cheddar on Saturday (2pm).

Chard Colts 10 Nailsea

& Backwell Colts 50

Somerset Colts League

THIS was a much closer game than the final score line suggests with the league leaders from North Somerset scoring 21 points

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◆ **CLOSE TUSSELE:** Axe Cliff Golf Club Seniors entertained teams from Lyme Regis and Sidmouth in the final round of the inaugural Winter Mini League, having played at their opponents courses in the preceding months. There was some early frost but the closeness of the scores of most of the groups ensured the declaration of the result had to wait until the final grouping arrived back at the clubhouse with Sidmouth emerging as victors. The picture above shows the three captains grappling with the trophy before the final result was announced.

Three AVRs in first four



◆ **GOOD TURNOUT:** Conditions were perfect for Sunday's Axmouth Challenge, perfect temperature with enough mud to make things interesting. Four courses were on offer, all hilly and multi-terrain. The 10-mile race was won by Beer boy Kevin Hawker of Honiton RC in 1:00:14. Luke Reed started steadily then moved from 4th to finish 2nd in 1:01:10. Terry Emmett finished with a monster drop down Stepps Lane and finished 3rd in 1:01:29 with Garry Perratt 4th (and first over-50) 4s later. Matt Hewer was 9th in 1:07:20, Mike Clark 18th 1:14:58, and Eleanor Wood 20th overall, 2nd lady and first over-50 in 1:15:52. The rest of the AVR results were Karen Eyre 21st 1:16:18, Margaret Pearce 34th 1:21:38, Lizzie Fontes 35th 1:21:47, Alan Morbey 37th 1:21:58, Stephen Morbey 40th 1:26:23, Pippa Wyatt 41st 1:26:24, Kelly Stamp 43th 1:27:04, Chris Hill 46th 1:28:52, Steve Maclure 47th 1:30:43, Yvette Hill 48th 1:34:17, Angela Kerr 51st 1:38:09, Martin Kerr 56th 1:43:56.

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